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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THE
NETHERLANDS AND THE KINGDOM OF GREECE CON-
CERNING THE RECRUITMENT, PLACEMENT AND EM-
PLOYMENT OF WORKERS IN THE NETHERLANDS

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and

The Royal Government of Greece,

Having regard to the bonds of friendship between the two countries and
to their respective requirements in the matter of employment,

Noting that it is in the interest of both countries to promote the placement
of Greek workers in the Netherlands,

Desiring to regulate the recruitment, placement and employment of Greek
workers in the Netherlands,

Have agreed on the following provisions:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The responsibility for the recruitment, placement and employment of
Greek workers in the Netherlands shall lie:

On the Greek side, with the Directorate-General for Labour in the
Ministry of Labour (hereinafter referred to as “the Directorate-General”);

On the Netherlands side, with the Office of Employment in the Ministry
of Social Affairs and Public Health (hereinafter referred to as “the Office”).

Article 2

1. In order that the competent Greek authorities may make in due time
the necessary arrangements to meet the demand, the Office shall supply the
Directorate-General, at least once every six months, with information on the
estimated requirements of the Netherlands economy for Greek workers,
classified by branch of economic activity, industrial category and occupation.

¹ Came into force on 13 September 1966 by signature, in accordance with article 23 (1).

2. The Directorate-General shall inform the Office, as soon as possible, of the extent to which the requirements can be met.

Article 3

1. The Office shall supply the Directorate-General with all information regarding the general conditions of remuneration and work, and regarding living conditions, which may be of assistance to the workers.

2. It shall in particular supply all information regarding the average remuneration and average working hours in the various branches of production, the amounts withheld from wages for payment of taxes, social security contributions and the like, and all information concerning prices and the cost of living in general.

3. This information shall be brought up to date as and when necessary.

RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENT

Article 4

1. The Office shall notify the Directorate-General of offers of employment from Netherlands employers, taking into account the information referred to in article 2.

2. The offers of employment shall include precise information as to the nature, category and duration of the employment, the gross and net remuneration, the conditions of work and the facilities for housing and feeding the workers, as well as any other necessary and relevant particulars.

3. If an offer of employment is accepted, the Directorate-General shall promptly take the necessary steps to publicize the offer and any relevant information of interest to the workers concerned.

Article 5

The Office shall establish age-limits for Greek workers to be recruited for employment in the Netherlands.

These age-limits may be altered by mutual agreement in the case of individual workers whose services have been specifically requested or in special cases.

The minimum age shall not, however, be lower than eighteen years.

Article 6

1. Applicants for placement in the Netherlands shall be examined by the Directorate-General as regards their apparent physical condition, their vocational qualifications and any other matters specified by the Office.

2. The results of the examination of each individual applicant shall be entered on forms of a type to be agreed upon.

3. The Directorate-General shall ensure that applicants whose judicial records show that they have been sentenced to penalties involving deprivation of liberty for three months or more or who are known for their reprehensible moral or civic behaviour are excluded.

4. The list of applicants approved for placement shall be sent by the Directorate-General to the Office, together with the individual forms for each candidate listed.

An applicant who does not have a valid passport in his possession may not be entered on the list.

Article 7

The Office may send a delegation to Greece for the purpose of making a final selection from among the applicants proposed by the Directorate-General.

The delegation shall co-operate with the competent Greek authorities, which shall assist it in the performance of its task.

Article 8

The Office shall send to the Directorate-General, as soon as possible, a list of applicants finally approved and a list of applicants who are not approved.

Article 9

For each worker who is finally considered for placement, the Office shall send to the Directorate-General a contract of employment in triplicate, valid for one year, signed by the employer and drafted in Dutch and Greek, in accordance with a model to be agreed upon.

The contract must be signed by the worker before his departure from Greece and shall be certified by the Directorate-General.