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**AUSTRIA
and
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

**Agreement concerning the abolition of the visa requirement
for holders of diplomatic or service passports. Signed at
Berlin on 6 March 1979**

Authentic text: German.

Registered by Austria on 22 March 1990.

Termination (*Note by the Secretariat*)

**AUTRICHE
et
RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE ALLEMANDE**

**Accord relatif à la suppression des formalités de visas pour
les titulaires d'un passeport diplomatique ou de service.
Signé à Berlin le 6 mars 1979**

Texte authentique : allemand.

Enregistré par l'Autriche le 22 mars 1990.

Abrogation (*Note du Secrétariat*)

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

**AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC CONCERNING THE ABO-
LITION OF THE VISA REQUIREMENT FOR HOLDERS OF DIP-
LOMATIC OR SERVICE PASSPORTS**

The Federal Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the German Democratic Republic, desiring to develop their relations further on the basis of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe,² have decided to conclude an Agreement concerning the abolition of the visa requirement for holders of diplomatic or service passports, as follows:

Article 1

Nationals of the Republic of Austria and nationals of the German Democratic Republic who hold a valid diplomatic or service passport may enter the territory of the other State, travel through it and depart without a visa.

Article 2

The persons referred to in article 1 shall be entitled, having entered without a visa, to remain in the territory of the other State for a maximum period of three months.

Article 3

Holders of valid diplomatic or service passports who are members of the diplomatic mission or a consular post of either State in the territory of the other State or are representatives of either State to an international organization which has its headquarters in the territory of the other State or are employed as staff members of such an organization, as well as their spouses and minor children living in a common household, provided that they are likewise holders of valid diplomatic or service passports or are entered as such therein, shall be entitled, having entered without a visa, to remain in the territory of the other State for the duration of the assignment.

Article 4

The domestic registration regulations of the Republic of Austria and the German Democratic Republic shall not be affected by this Agreement.

Article 5

This Agreement shall not affect the right of the Contracting Parties to forbid persons whom they deem undesirable to enter or stay in their territory.

Article 6

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the sixtieth day after its signature. It shall be concluded for an indefinite period.

¹ Came into force on 5 May 1979, i.e. 60 days after the date of signature, in accordance with article 6 (1).

² *International Legal Materials*, vol. 14 (1975), p. 1292 (American Society of International Law).