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et  
République de Corée**

**Accord entre le Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord et le Gouvernement de la République de Corée concernant la réadmission de personnes. Londres, 20 décembre 2011**

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[ ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS ]

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED  
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA CONCERNING THE  
READMISSION OF PERSONS**

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as the “Contracting Parties”),

Based on the friendly relations between the two countries and their peoples,

Intending to effectively counteract illegal immigration into their territories in the spirit of international efforts,

Prompted by the desire to facilitate the readmission into their territories of own nationals who are staying illegally in the territory of the other Contracting Party, in accordance with the general principles of international law, the respective national laws of the two countries, and in the spirit of trust and cooperation,

Have agreed as follows:

**SECTION I**

**Readmission of Own Nationals**

**ARTICLE 1**

1. Each Contracting Party shall readmit persons who do not, or no longer, meet the applicable entry or residence requirements in the territory of the requesting Contracting Party, if proof or prima facie evidence is furnished of the fact that such persons possess the nationality of the requested Contracting Party.
2. Paragraph 1 shall also apply to persons who, after entering the territory of the requesting Contracting Party, have lost the nationality of the requested Contracting Party and have not acquired another nationality or have not at least been promised naturalisation by the requesting Contracting Party.

**ARTICLE 2**

1. Proof of nationality shall be deemed furnished through:
  - (a) citizenship certificates;
  - (b) passports of any kind (national passports, diplomatic passports, service passports), emergency travel documents; or

- (c) children's passports;

In these cases, the person concerned shall be readmitted by the requested Contracting Party without any formalities.

- 2. Prima facie evidence of nationality shall be deemed furnished through:
  - (a) copies of any of the documents proving the nationality of the person concerned as listed in paragraph 1 above;
  - (b) driving licences or copies thereof;
  - (c) birth certificates or copies thereof;
  - (d) results of an interview with the person concerned conducted by the competent diplomatic representatives of the requested Contracting Party; or
  - (e) any other document which may help to establish the nationality of the person concerned.
- 3. The documents listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 above shall suffice as proof or prima facie evidence of nationality even if their period of validity has lapsed.

### ARTICLE 3

- 1. In the absence of proof as to nationality, readmission shall be governed by a readmission request. Any readmission request is to contain the following information, depending on the availability of documents or the statements of the person concerned to be readmitted:
  - (a) an original copy of the fingerprints of the person concerned, his or her gender and claimed date of birth;
  - (b) where a copy of fingerprints of the person concerned is not provided as part of the readmission request, the particulars of the person concerned (surname, given names, date of birth, and where possible, place of birth, and the last place of residence in the territory of the requested Contracting Party);
  - (c) indication of the means by which prima facie evidence of nationality will be furnished;
  - (d) a statement indicating that the person concerned may need assistance, help or care owing to sickness or old age, provided he or she has consented to such statement being made; and

- (e) any protection or security measure which may be necessary in the individual return case.

2. Where a person is to be readmitted in accordance with Article 1(2), the readmission request shall be filed within twelve (12) months after the competent authority of the requesting Contracting Party has learned that person's loss of nationality. If the person concerned lost the nationality of the requested Contracting Party prior to the entry into force of this Agreement, this time limit shall begin to run upon the entry into force of this Agreement.

3. If there are doubts about the *prima facie* evidence of nationality, within three (3) days after the readmission request is received, representatives of the requested Contracting Party in the territory of the requesting Contracting Party shall interview the person.

4. The requested Contracting Party shall reply to a readmission request without undue delay, and in any event within a maximum period of twenty (20) working days. This time limit shall begin to run on the date of receipt of the readmission request by the competent authority of the requested Contracting Party. Upon expiry of this time limit the readmission shall be deemed to have been agreed to. Upon agreement to the readmission, the person concerned may be immediately returned to the territory of the requested Contracting Party, who will provide the relevant travel document. The requested Contracting Party may consult with the requesting Contracting Party about the number of the persons to be returned within a certain period of time.

5. Upon agreement to the readmission, the requested Contracting Party will at the same time provide the requesting Contracting Party with particulars of the person to be readmitted (surname, given names, and resident registration number or its equivalent).

6. Upon agreement to the readmission, the requested Contracting Party will provide the person to be readmitted with the relevant travel document to be allowed to be readmitted to the territory of the requested Contracting Party if required. The competent authority of the requested Contracting Party will provide the relevant travel document within a maximum of five (5) working days of receipt of a request from the competent authority of the requesting Contracting Party. The validity period of the relevant travel document will be a minimum of twenty (20) working days.

7. The competent authority of the requesting Contracting Party shall inform the competent authority of the requested Contracting Party without any undue delay of the date of return of the person concerned, at the latest three (3) working days prior to the scheduled return.

#### ARTICLE 4

The requesting Contracting Party shall allow the re-entry into its territory without particular formalities of any person readmitted by the requested Contracting Party if it is established, within a period of three (3) months after the readmission of the person concerned into the territory of the requested Contracting Party, that the requirements for readmission by the requested Contracting Party under Article 1 were not met.

#### SECTION II

##### **Return by Air**

#### ARTICLE 5

Where a person is to be returned in accordance with Article 1, such return is, as a rule, to be effected by air. Where aviation security so requires, the returnees shall be accompanied by specialised security staff.

#### SECTION III

##### **Data Protection**

#### ARTICLE 6

1. Insofar as personal data has to be communicated in order to implement this Agreement, such information may include only the following:

- (a) the particulars of the person to be readmitted (surname, given names, resident registration number or its equivalent);
- (b) identity card or passport (number, period of validity, date of issue, issuing authority, place of issue, etc);
- (c) other details needed to identify the person to be readmitted;
- (d) stopping places and itineraries; or
- (e) any other information at the request of the requested Contracting Party which it needs in order to examine the readmission requirements pursuant to this Agreement.