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and
EGYPT**

**Agreement on cooperation in the field of tourism. Signed at
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**Accord relatif à la coopération en matière de tourisme. Signé
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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT ON THE COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM

The Austrian Federal Government and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt,

Desirous to extend and strengthen their mutual relations,

Cognizant of the importance of tourism for the mutual acquaintance and the establishment of mutual understanding of the peoples,

Convinced of the weightiness of the development of tourism for the further strengthening of the relations between both states,

Eager to promote a close and sound cooperation in the field of tourism for mutual benefit,

Have

On the basis and within the frame of the legal regulations in force in both states,

And in particular on the basis of the Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring,² the Additional Protocol to the Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring, relating to the importation of tourist publicity documents and material,² and the Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles concluded at the United Nations Conference on Customs Formalities for the Temporary Importation of Private Road Motor Vehicles and for Tourism, done at New York on the 4th of June, 1954,³

And in the spirit of the recommendations of the United Nations' Conference on International Travel and Tourism, Rome 1963,⁴ the concepts of Manila Declaration of 1980 on international Tourism⁵ as well as the activities of the World Tourism Organization (WTO),

Agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall pay particular attention to the development and the extension of their mutual relations in the field of tourism and shall endeavour to further them. Therefore they shall encourage the cooperation between Austrian and Egyptian tourist institutions, organizations and enterprises.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall encourage tourist travel groups and individuals from their state territory to the state territory of the other Contracting Party. They shall endeavour to facilitate and simplify the formalities connected with tourist

¹ Came into force on 13 March 1985, i.e., 60 days following the date (12 January 1985) on which the Government of Egypt notified the Government of Austria of the completion of the required procedures, in accordance with article 11.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 276, p. 191.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 282, p. 249.

⁴ United Nations Conference on International Travel and Tourism, Rome, 21 August-5 September 1963, *Recommendations on International Travel and Tourism*, (E/CONF.47/18; United Nations publication Sales No. 64.1.6).

⁵ United Nations, *Report of the Economic and Social Council, World Conference on Tourism, Note of the Secretary-General, 13 May 1981 (A/36/236.appendix 1)*.

travels of Austrian citizens to the Arab Republic of Egypt and of Egyptian citizens to the Republic of Austria.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the cooperation between travel agencies and transportation enterprises of their states and the achievement of cooperation agreements between such enterprises.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall in the frame of their possibilities promote and support the publicity, the exchange of informations as well as the exchange and distribution of printed material and films concerning tourism.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and support reciprocal visits of journalists of broadcasting and television corporations and the press as well as of tourist experts for the purpose of informing the public about the tourist attractions of the visited state of the Contracting Party.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall support each other by exchanging experts and leading managers in training centres and tourist establishments in the state of the other Contracting Party. Each party, according to its capabilities, shall assist the other party in the establishment and the equipment of its training centres as well as providing these centres with services and trainers necessary for their operation. They shall exchange trainees, volunteers and holders of scholarships and furthermore by exchanging informations in the field of tourism, hotel trade, gastronomy and touristic regional and town planning. They shall in the frame of their possibilities encourage a cooperation also in the establishment of installations and the supply of equipment in the field of tourism, as well as the activities of enterprises interested in this field.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall set up a Mixed Commission, which has to supervise the implementation of this Agreement and to propose appropriate actions therefore as well as to maintain the exchange of experiences in the field of tourism. It shall, as a rule, meet every two years alternately in Austria and in Egypt or in case of need at the request of either Contracting Party at another date to be fixed by mutual consent. If necessary, the Commission may lay down rules of procedure.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties shall on request support each other on equal terms in setting up an official representation of their National Tourist Office in the territory of the other Contracting Party and shall be helpful at its establishment.

Article 9

Payment transactions connected with the tourist traffic between the states of the Contracting Parties shall be effected in accordance with the foreign exchange regulations in force in each of the two states in freely convertible currency.

Article 10

This Agreement shall be concluded for a period of five years from the date of its entering into force and shall be renewed tacitly for a period of another five years, unless it shall be denounced by either Contracting Party at least six months prior to the day of expiration by letter through diplomatic channels.

Article 11

This Agreement shall enter into force sixty days following the date on which the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt shall inform the Austrian Federal Government of the conditions laid down by Egyptian law are fulfilled.

DONE at Graz on 11th November 1983 in three original copies in German, Arabic and English, all three texts being authentic. In case of controversial interpretation, the English shall be authoritative.

For the Austrian Federal Government:

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For the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt:

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