

THE COUNCIL

Having regard to Article 13 (c) of the Convention for European Economic Co-operation of 16th April 1948 ;

Having regard to the Recommendation of the Council of 31st March 1950 on the Abolition of Entry Visas for Nationals of Member Countries ;

Having regard to the Recommendation of the Council of 23rd February 1953 concerning Exemption from the Obligation to obtain Entry Visas for Nationals of Member Countries ;

Having regard to the Report by the Tourism Committee on Visas and Passports [Doc. No. C (55) 149] ; and

Considering that it is advisable to draw the attention of the Governments of Member countries once again to the obstacles which still hamper the free movement of nationals of Member countries ;

RECOMMENDS :

1. The Governments of Member countries take the necessary measures to abolish the formality of entry visas as soon as possible in all cases where this formality is still required for nationals of other Member countries ; such measures should not be made dependent on the granting, by these countries, of a minimum foreign currency allowance to their nationals wishing to travel abroad as tourists.
2. The Governments of Member countries :
 - (a) To take appropriate measures to :
 - (i) Simplify as far as possible the formalities required for the delivery of passports ; and

(ii) Reduce the fees charged for the granting of passports to as low a level as possible having regard to the cost of issue and distribution ;

(b) To extend, as far as possible, to all categories of nationals travelling in groups, irrespective of their age or the purpose of their journey, the issue of collective passports drawn up in accordance with the specimen contained in the Annex hereto, provided for in the Arrangement on Collective Passports, which was approved on 28th February 1952, by the Member countries signatories to the Brussels Treaty.

(c) To abolish, as far as possible, the formality of entry visas for nationals of other Member countries travelling under a collective passport.

ANNEX

Specimen of collective passport

TREATY OF BRUSSELS BETWEEN BELGIUM, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG
THE NETHERLANDS, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

Name of the country of issue

Name of the issuing authority
*(Collective passport for young people issued by virtue
of an Arrangement approved on 28th February 1952)*

Collective Passport issued to

Nationals oftravelling to
transit through

Validity :

Leader of Party : Name

Christian names

Passport No.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARTY (in alphabetical order)

NAMES	CHRISTIAN NAMES	PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF RESIDENCE
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

The Leader of the Party which is travelling on the present collective passport has been fully apprised of his responsibilities.

Issued on.....at.....

(Signature and stamp of the
Issuing Authority)

In adopting this Recommendation, the Council NOTED :

1. The statement by the Delegate for Germany pointing out that his country was willing to abolish passports in its relation with all other Member countries, subject to reciprocal action on the part of other Member Governments, but an identity card or some other form of identification would still be required.

2. The statement by the Delegate for the United Kingdom according to which his Government could not apply in full the provisions of paragraph 2 (*b*) of the Recommendation, only certain classes of travellers, in specific cases, being allowed to travel under a collective passport.

When the text of this Recommendation was considered by the Council at its meeting of 15th July 1955, the Council had TAKEN NOTE of the statement by the Delegate for Norway according to which his country could not apply in full the provisions of Article 2 (*b*) of the Recommendation. Norway would not at present be able to abolish completely its requirements for entry visas for tourists travelling on a collective passport, as recommended in paragraph 2 (*c*) of the Recommendation, but the Norwegian authorities would be prepared to examine what steps might be taken in this respect.