

Dual DistributionCONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES
ON THE STATUS OF REFUGEES AND
STATELESS PERSONS

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DRAFT CONVENTION RELATING
TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEESText of the Schedule and Travel Document
adopted on 20 July 1951

SCHEDULE

Paragraph 1 (3)^{1/}

1. The travel document referred to in article 23 of this Convention shall be similar to the specimen annexed hereto.
2. The document shall be made out in at least two languages, one of which shall be English or French.

Paragraph 2 (4)

Subject to the regulations obtaining in the country of issue, children may be included in the travel document of a parent or, in exceptional circumstances of another adult refugee.

Paragraph 3 (5)

The fees charged for issue of the document shall not exceed the lowest scale of charges for national passports.

^{1/} The numbers in brackets refer to the article of the London Agreement of 15 October 1946, set out on page 151 of document E/1112, which correspond in substance.

Paragraph 4 (6)

Save in special or exceptional cases, the document shall be made valid for the largest possible number of countries.

Paragraph 5 (7)

The document shall have a validity of either one or two years, at the discretion of the issuing authority.

Paragraph 6 (8)

1. The renewal or extension of the validity of the document is a matter for the authority which issued it, so long as the holder has not established lawful residence in another territory and resides lawfully in the territory of the said authority. The issue of a new document is, under the same conditions, a matter for the authority which issued the former document.
2. Diplomatic or consular authorities, specially authorized for the purpose, shall be empowered to extend, for a period not exceeding six months, the validity of travel documents issued by their Governments.
3. The Contracting States shall give sympathetic consideration to renewing or extending the validity of travel documents or issuing new documents to refugees no longer lawfully resident in their territory who are unable to obtain a travel document from the country of their lawful residence.

Paragraph 7 (9)

The Contracting States shall recognize the validity of the documents issued in accordance with the provisions of article 23 of this Convention.

Paragraph 8 (10)

The competent authorities of the country to which the refugee desires to proceed shall, if they are prepared to admit him and if a visa is required, affix a visa on the document of which he is the holder.

Paragraph 9 (11)

The Contracting States undertake to issue transit visas to refugees who have obtained visas for a territory of final destination. The issue of such

visas may be refused on grounds which would justify refusal of a visa to any alien.

Paragraph 10 (12)

The fees for the issue of exit, entry or transit visas shall not exceed the lowest scale of charges for visas on foreign passports.

Paragraph 11 (13)

When a refugee has lawfully taken up residence in the territory of another Contracting State, the power to issue a new document will be in the competent authority of that territory, to which the refugee shall be entitled to apply.

Paragraph 12 (14)

The authority issuing a new document shall withdraw the old document and return it to the country of issue.

Paragraph 13 (15)

1. Each Contracting State undertakes that the holder of a travel document issued by it in accordance with Article 23 of this Convention shall be re-admitted to its territory at any time during the period of its validity.
2. Subject to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, a Contracting State may require the holder of the document to comply with such formalities as may be prescribed in regard to exit from or return to its territory.
3. The Contracting States reserve the right, in exceptional cases, or in cases where the refugee stay is authorized for a specific period, when issuing the document, to limit the period during which the refugee may return to a period of not less than three months.

Paragraph 14 (16)

Subject only to the terms of paragraph 13, the provisions of this Schedule in no way affect the laws and regulations governing the conditions of admission to, transit through, residence and establishment in, and departure from, the territories of the Contracting States.

Paragraph 15 (17)

Neither the issue of the document nor the entries made thereon determine or affect the status of the holder, particularly as regards nationality.

Paragraph 16 (18)

The issue of the document does not in any way entitle the holder to the protection of the diplomatic or consular authorities of the country of issue, and does not confer on these authorities a right of protection.

ANNEX
Specimen Travel Document^{1/}

The document will be in booklet form (approximately 15 x 10 centimetres).

It is recommended that it be so printed that any erasure or alteration by chemical or other means can be readily detected, and that the words "Convention of" " be printed in continuous repetition on each page, in the language of the issuing country.

(Cover of booklet)

TRAVEL DOCUMENT

(Convention of)

No.....

(1)

TRAVEL DOCUMENT

(Convention of)

This document expires on unless its validity is extended or renewed.

Name

Forename (s)

Accompanied by child (children).

1. This document is issued solely with a view to providing the holder with a travel document which can serve in lieu of a national passport. It is without prejudice to and in no way affects the holder's nationality.

2. The holder is authorized to return to

[state here the country whose authorities are issuing the document] on or before unless some later date is hereafter specified.

[The period during which the holder is allowed to return must not be less than three months.]

3. Should the holder take up residence in a country other than that which issued

1/ This text was prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee on Refugees and Stateless Persons (see Note by the Secretary-General, above, A(d)).

the present document, he must, if he wishes to travel again, apply to the competent authorities of his country of residence for a new document. The old travel document shall be withdrawn by the authority issuing the new document and returned to the authority which issued it.

(This document contains pages, exclusive of cover)

(2)

Place and date of birth
 Occupation
 Present residence
 Maiden name and forename(s) of wife
 Name and forename(s) of husband

Description

Height
 Hair
 Colour of eyes
 Nose
 Shape of face
 Complexion
 Special peculiarities

Children accompanying holder

Name	Forename(s)	Place and date of birth	Sex
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* strike out whichever does not apply.

(This document contains pages, exclusive of cover.)

(3)

Photograph of holder and stamp of issuing authority

Finger-prints of holder
 (if required)

Signature of holder

(This document contains pages, exclusive of cover.)

(4)

1. This document is valid for the following countries:

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2. Document or documents on the basis of which the present document is issued:

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Issued at

Date

Signature and stamp of authority
issuing the document:

Fee paid:

(This document contains pages, exclusive of cover.)

(5)

Extension or renewal of validity

Fee paid:

From

To

Done at

Date

Signature and stamp of authority
extending or renewing the validity
of the document:

Extension or renewal of validity

Fee paid:

From:

To

Done at

Date

Signature and stamp of authority
extending or renewing the validity
of the document:

(This document contains pages, exclusive of cover.)

(6)

Extension or renewal of validity

Fee paid: From
To
Done at Date
Signature and stamp of authority
extending or renewing the validity
of the document:

Extension or renewal of validity

Fee paid: From
To
Done at Date
Signature and stamp of authority
extending or renewing the validity
of the document:

(This document contains pages, exclusive of cover.)

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Visas

The name of the holder of the document must be repeated in each visa.

(This document contains pages, exclusive of cover.)