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FACILITATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FORMALITIES REGARDING TRAVEL  
PASSPORTS (INDIVIDUAL, COLLECTIVE AND CHILDREN'S)  
STANDARD FORMAT

Note by the Secretariat

1. Reproduced below are pertinent recommendations, including pages of the model passport, of the 1920 Passport Conference, a summary of certain recommendations of the 1926 Passport Conference and a tentative model of a uniform type of passport suggested by the Secretariat for possible discussion.

1920 Passport Conference

2. In a resolution adopted on 21 October 1920 by the Conference on Passports, Customs Formalities and Through Tickets, held in Paris under the auspices of the Provisional Committee on Communications and Transit of the League of Nations,<sup>1/</sup> it was proposed that the League of Nations should invite Governments to establish a uniform "international type" of passport which would be identical for all countries and would supersede all other types. This type of passport consisted of a booklet measuring 4-1/8 inches by 6-1/8 inches (105 mm. by 155 mm.), described as follows:

<sup>1/</sup> League of Nations document No. C.641.M.230, 1925. VIII.

"(a) The passport is to contain 32 pages. The first four pages only are reproduced herewith.<sup>2/</sup> The other 28 pages should all be numbered and should contain the visas of the countries for which the passport is valid.

(b) The passport should be drawn up in at least two languages, i.e., in the national language and in French.

(c) The passport must be bound in cardboard, bearing on the top the name and in the centre the coat-of-arms of the country and at the bottom the word "Passport", with the addition, according to the desire of the various Governments, of any practical information concerning the regime of passports.

(d) Any passport of which the pages are entirely filled must be replaced by a fresh passport."

#### 1926 Passport Conference

3. The Passport Conference held at Geneva under the auspices of the League of Nations from 12 to 18 May 1926 recommended<sup>3/</sup> that States which still used a passport of a type other than the "international type" should, as soon as possible, adopt an improved model of that type, as described in the recommendations embodied in the report annexed to the Final Act of the Passport Conference. These recommendations may be summarized as follows:

(a) The Conference was strongly of the opinion that the cover should bear the following entries (all of which were already included on page 1 of the 1920 model):

- (i) The name of the country issuing the passport;
- (ii) The name of the holder;
- (iii) The series number of the passport;
- (iv) A statement of the number of pages in the passport;

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<sup>2/</sup> See Annex 1 to this document. The pages are reproduced as they appear in the 1920 document (i.e. in Spanish and French only).

<sup>3/</sup> League of Nations document No. C.320.M.119, 1926. VIII: Passport Conference, Final Act, Recommendations, Section 1, Part II.A.

(b) The following additional recommendations were made:

- (i) Every page should be perforated in one or more places;
- (ii) The type of binding required by the 1920 Conference, as in the description of the 1920 model in paragraph 2(c) above, should be optional;
- (iii) Every visa should mention the passport-holder's name, a requirement which, when combined with the requirement in the 1920 model that pages should be numbered, as described in paragraph 2(a) above, would prevent cases of fraudulent substitution;
- (iv) There should be at least 16 pages (not 32, as in the description of the 1920 model in paragraph 2(a) above);
- (v) Visas should be placed in order of issue and should not use more than half a page each;
- (vi) Stamps made by frontier officials should be perfectly clear and should occupy as little room as possible;
- (vii) Sufficient space should be provided for the full name of the holder;
- (viii) Surnames (family names) and christian names (those other than surnames) should be written either in block capitals or in English roundhand;
- (ix) The surname (family name) should be underlined;
- (x) Christian names (those other than surnames) need not be translated;
- (xi) The holder's occupation should be accurately defined and space should be provided therefor;
- (xii) The exact height of the holder should be shown (not "tall", "average", "short", etc.);
- (xiii) A full page should be provided for renewals (not three or four lines as on page 4 of the 1920 model) and the renewal page should immediately follow the page on which the period of validity appears (page 4 of the 1920 model);
- (xiv) The place of origin ("indigénat") of the holder should be stated on the passport (this was strongly recommended);
- (xv) In addition to adding on the passport any useful information as to the passport system, as agreed by the 1920 Conference, Governments should be permitted to add other indications which they deem necessary;
- (xvi) The head of a family should be permitted to travel alone with a family passport, but his wife and children should not be allowed to use it when travelling without him. Widows should be regarded as heads of families.

Suggestions by the Secretariat

4. The Secretariat deems it useful to suggest a tentative model passport for possible discussion:

(a) The cover and the first five pages of the passport should conform to those in the model attached as Annex 2.

(b) On the insides of both the front and back covers should appear information or advice concerning the use of the passport or any other practical instructions or information which the country issuing the passport deems useful. It must, in particular, be stated that the passport of the head of the family bearing the names and photographs of children (and wife) is not valid for children (or wife) travelling alone.

(c) The passport should be drawn up in a national language. If that language is neither English nor French, the text should be bilingual and either English or French should be the second language.

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ANNEX 1

MODEL PASSPORT OF 1920 CONFERENCE

-- 1 --

Este pasaporte contiene  
32 páginas  
Ce passeport contient  
32 pages

(Armes  
du  
pays)

(timbre  
de  
l'impôt)

**PASAPORTE  
PASSEPORT**

**NOMBRE DEL PAIS  
NOM DU PAYS**

Nº del pasaporte }  
Nº du passeport }  
Nombre del portador }  
Nom du porteur }  
Acompañado de su esposa }  
Accompagné de sa femme }  
y de ..... hijos.  
et de ..... enfants.

NACIONALIDAD }  
NATIONALITÉ }

-- 2 --

**SEÑAS PERSONALES  
SIGNALEMENT**

Profesion } Profession } Lugar y fecha del nacimiento } Lieu et date de naissance } Domicilio } Domicile } Rostro } Visage } Color de los ojos } Couleur des yeux } Color del cabello } Couleur des cheveux } Señas particulares } Signes particuliers }	Esposa - Femme
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**HIJOS - ENFANTS**

Nombre Nom	Edad Age	Sexo Sexe
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-- 3 --

Esposa  
Femme

(photo)	(Foto)
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timbre  
sec

**FIRMA DEL PORTADOR  
SIGNATURE DU TITULAIRE**

**Y DE SU ESPOSA  
ET DE SA FEMME**

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Firma del Expedidor : .....

Signature de l'agent délivrant le passeport : .....

-- 4 --

Paises en los cuales este pasaporte es válido  
Pays pour lesquels ce passeport est valable

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La validez deste pasaporte terminó :  
Ce passeport expire le :

a menos que se renovado.  
à moins de renouvellement.

expedido en }  
délivré à }  
fecha }  
date }

**RENOVACIONES  
RENOUVELLEMENTS**

1° .....

2° .....

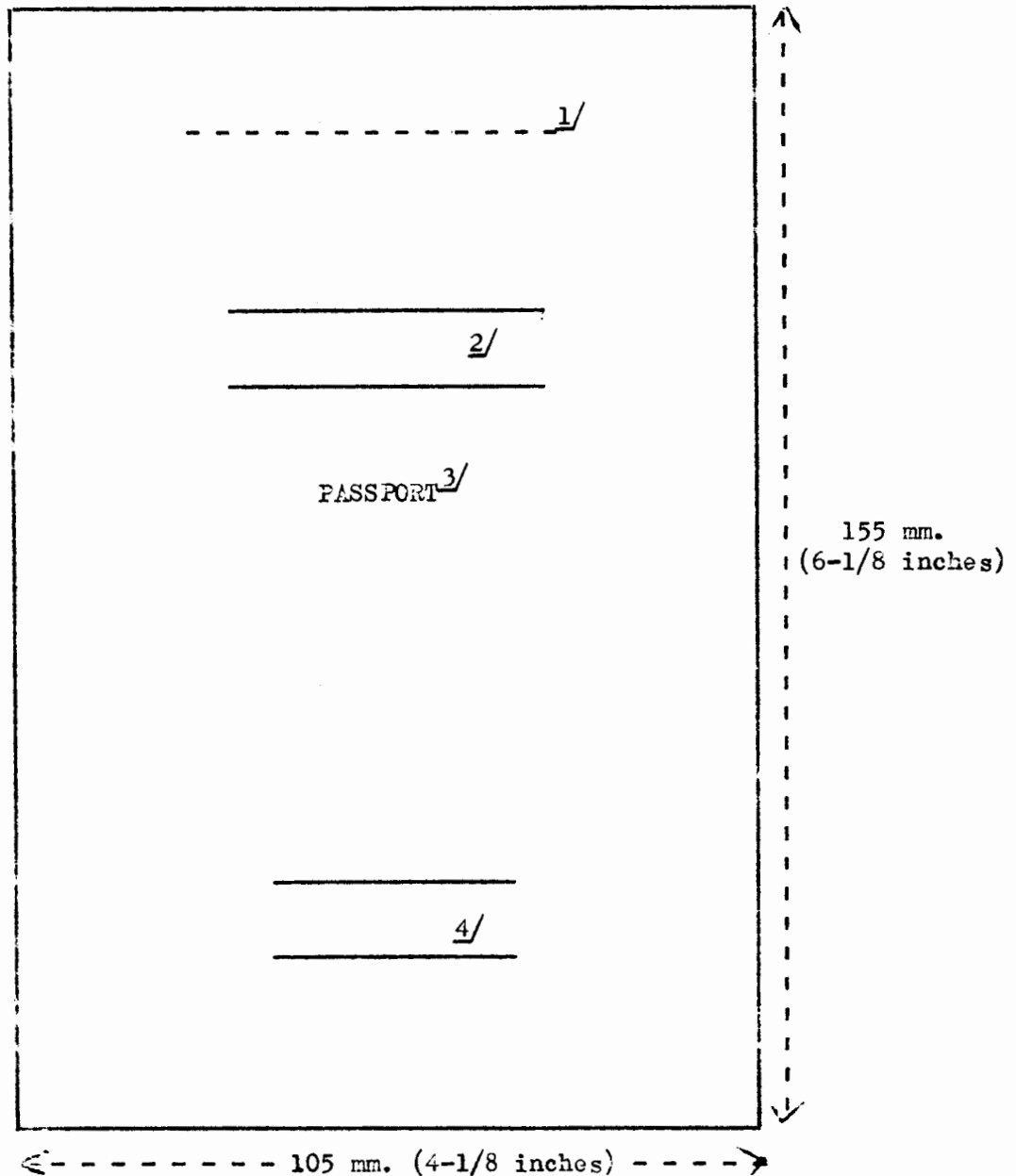
3° .....

4° .....

ANNEX 2

MODEL PASSPORT SUGGESTED  
BY THE SECRETARIAT  
(actual size is shown)

COVER (consisting of durable material)



- 1/ Name of issuing country.
- 2/ Window to page 1 to show surname or family name of holder.
- 3/ The word "passport" may be written only in the national language of the issuing country.
- 4/ Window to page 2 to show series number of passport. If possible, the series number of the passport should also be perforated on all pages of the passport.

<hr/> <u>1/</u> <hr/>	
Surname Nom	----- <u>2/</u>
Christian names Prénoms	<u>3/</u> -----
Date of birth Né le	-----
Place of birth à	-----
Occupation Profession <u>4/</u>	-----
Domicile Domicile	----- -----
Accompanied by wife Accompagné de sa femme	----- ----- <u>5/</u>
No. -----	
This passport contains -- pages Ce passeport contient -- pages	

- 1/ This space may be used for emblem, stamp, etc.  
2/ In block capitals.  
3/ Or other additional non-family names of holder.  
4/ If the issuing country does not require occupation to be stated, reference to it should be omitted.  
5/ Maiden name (in block capitals) and christian or other non-family names. The issuing country may require a separate passport for wife; in this case reference to wife should be omitted.

Description Signalement	Holder Titulaire	Wife <sup>1/</sup> Femme
Height Taille	---	---
Colour of eyes Couleur des yeux	-----	-----
Colour of hair Couleur des cheveux	-----	-----
Special peculiarities Signes particuliers	-----	-----
Accompanied by <sup>2/</sup> Children under 21 years old <sup>3/</sup>		
Accompagné de - <sup>2/</sup> Enfants de moins de 21 ans <sup>3/</sup>		
Surname Nom	Christian names Prénoms	Date of birth Date de naissance
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<sup>1/</sup> The issuing country may require a separate passport for wife.  
 In this case reference to wife should be omitted.

<sup>2/</sup> Number.

<sup>3/</sup> Children may appear on passports of both their father and their mother.  
 The Group of Experts on international travel and tourism suggested 16 years  
 (document E/3590). It is proposed to raise the age to 21. This would not  
 prevent the issuance of separate passports to children under 21 years but  
 for such children travelling with one of their parents all countries visited  
 should be satisfied with the inclusion of names and photographs of such  
 children in the passport of the accompanying parent.



Photographs of the holder (and of wife and  
children, if any) 1/

Photographie du titulaire et, le cas échéant,  
de sa femme et de ses enfants 1/

Signature of holder  
Signature du titulaire

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1/ Government seal on each photograph.

Note: If additional photographs appear on other pages, reference should be made here to the other page numbers.

Page 4

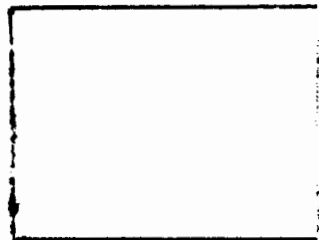
This passport is issued for all countries,  
except the following:  
Ce passeport est délivré pour tous les pays,  
sauf les suivants:

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This passport expires on -----  
Ce passeport expire le -----

Issued at -----  
Délivré à -----

the -----  
le -----



Signature and seal of  
the issuing authority  
Signature et cachet de  
l'autorité qui délivre  
le passeport

This passport is renewed until  
La validité de ce passeport est - - - - -  
prolongée jusqu'au

Renewed at - - - - -

Fait à

on

le - - - - -



Signature and seal of  
the authority which  
renews the passport  
Signature et cachet de  
l'autorité qui prolonge  
la validité

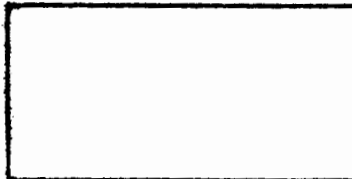
This passport is renewed until  
La validité de ce passeport est - - - - -  
prolongée jusqu'au

Renewed at - - - - -

Fait à

on

le - - - - -



Signature and seal of  
the authority which  
renews the passport  
Signature et cachet de  
l'autorité qui prolonge  
la validité