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13. In considering the various categories of visas the Meeting of Experts dealt first with exit visas. It agreed to recommend as follows:

"Exit visas should be universally abolished, and other exit formalities reduced to a minimum."

26. The attention of the Meeting was drawn to a number of formalities encountered in applying for a visa which contributed to the inconvenience, delay and expense of the traveller, among them the number and complexity of forms and the requirement that he should supply photographs and carry with him letters of recommendation and police certificates. The Meeting made the following recommendation:

"The formalities to be undergone when applying for a visa should be simplified and in particular the number of documents required in support of an application for a visa should be kept to the irreducible minimum."

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