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STATEMENT OF THE GREEK DELEGATION
PROPOSING AN ADDITIONAL QUESTION FOR
DISCUSSION BY THE MEETING OF EXPERTS

Note: As the question raised by the Greek representative in the following statement had not been included in the subject matter covered in E/CONF/PASS/PC/4, the meeting agreed on 14 April that it should be added to the questions proposed in that document for discussion.

STATEMENT OF THE GREEK DELEGATION

The Greek Delegation believes that the Committee's attention should also be directed to the following question: a number of countries, in Europe, Africa and America, require foreigners wishing to enter their territory to pay what is sometimes a fairly large sum of money as a deposit before they obtain an entrance visa and permission to stay in the country. These measures apply even to persons travelling on business. The deposit required is so large as in practice to render nugatory the grant of entrance facilities. Travelling thus becomes a privilege reserved for a small class of wealthy people. It would therefore be desirable to give consideration to the whole matter so that the system of demanding deposits can, if possible, be done away with or made much more flexible.

