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30 a. The Meeting's attention was drawn to the practice of some countries of requiring applicants for visas to deposit a sum of money, sometimes so large as to constitute in effect a barrier to entry except for wealthy people. While appreciating the fact that Governments may consider it desirable to protect themselves from the financial burden imposed by the presence of foreign visitors who find themselves without means of support or funds to pay for the return journey to their own countries, the Meeting felt that any deposit required should be reasonable. It therefore made the following recommendation:

"While recognising that in certain cases it is reasonable that safeguards be adopted in order to avoid the financial burden on a country resulting from the presence of foreign visitors without funds, the Meeting recommends that any deposit demanded from a visitor should be so fixed as not to constitute in effect a denial of facilities for persons who are not well-to-do."

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