

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON STATELESSNESS AND
RELATED PROBLEMS

**MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANISATION**

LONDON TRAVEL AGREEMENT OF 15 OCTOBER 1946

Position as of 4 October 1949

A. Countries which are parties to the Agreement

<u>Country</u>	<u>Date of signature</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Belgium	15 October 1946	Travel documents being issued both in Belgium and through the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the Belgian Congo
Brazil	15 October 1946 ad referendum – ratified on 22 July 1949	Travel document in process of printing
Chile	15 October 1946	
China	23 February 1948	Travel documents being issued
Dominican Republic	15 October 1946	Travel documents being issued
France	15 October 1946	
Greece	15 October 1946	Travel documents being issued
India (former Government)	8 November 1946	The Government of the Dominion of India and the Government of Pakistan have both indicated to IRO that they consider themselves bound by the signature of the former Government of India. The present position in the two countries is as follows: <u>India:</u> travel document in process of being printed. <u>Pakistan:</u> information concerning the date of commencement of issue of the travel document is awaited.
Italy	1 October 1947	Travel documents being issued
Luxemburg	15 October 1946	Travel documents being issued
Netherlands	15 October 1946	Travel documents being issued
Norway	6 July 1949	Travel documents in process of printing
South Africa	8 March 1948	Travel documents being issued
Sweden	15 October 1946	Travel documents being issued
Switzerland	15 October 1946	Travel documents being issued
United Kingdom	15 October 1946	Travel documents being issued in the United Kingdom and application of the Agreement has been extended (1) to British zone of Austria (2) to the following British Colonial Territories: Bahamas, Bermuda, British Guiana, British Honduras, Cyprus, Gambia, Kenya, Nyasaland, Sarawak, Seychelles, Tanganyika Territory and Trinidad.
Venezuela	15 October 1946	Travel documents being issued

B. Countries which have signed the Agreement only “ad referendum”

<u>Country</u>	<u>Date of signature</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Argentina	15 October 1946	The Argentine Government recognizes, in certain cases, the travel document established by the Agreement.
Ecuador	15 October 1946	The Ecuadorian Government has indicated that the question of confirmation of its "ad referendum" signature will be considered by the next session of the Ecuadorian Congress.

C. Countries which have undertaken to recognize travel documents issued in accordance with the Agreement

Australia (Letter of 6 January 1947 from the High Commissioner for Australia to the Director of the Inter-governmental Committee on Refugees)

British Colonial Territories:

Falklands)	
Fiji)	
Hong Kong)	
Leeward Islands)	
Federation of Malaya)	
Nigeria)	Notification dated 30 April 1948 from Foreign Office,
St. Helena)	London, to Executive Secretary, PCIRO, Geneva.
Sierra Leone)	
Singapore)	
Western Pacific)	
Zanzibar)	

Canada (Note dated 28 April 1947 from Foreign Office, London, to all Member Governments of the Inter-governmental Committee on Refugees)

Denmark (Letter of 28 June 1947 from Danish Ambassador in London to H.M. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs)

Guatemala (Letter dated 3 November 1948 from Guatemalan Consulate in Geneva to Director, Protection division, IRO HQ)

Haiti (Letter dated 21 September 1949, from Haitian Legation in London to IRO Geneva)

Ireland (Letter of 26 November 1947 from the Office of the High Commissioner for Ireland to PCIRO Headquarters, Geneva)

New Zealand (Letter dated 7 May 1948 from New Zealand Government Offices in London to PCIRO Headquarters, Geneva)

D. Countries which have undertaken to recognize such documents for transit purposes only.

British Colonial Territories:

Barbados)	Notification dated 30 April 1948 from
Gibraltar)	Foreign Office, London, to
Malta)	Executive Secretary, PCIRO, Geneva

Honduras (Letter dated 14 May 1949, from Foreign Office, London, to Director-General of the IRO)

Turkey (Letter dated 28 March 1947 from IGC representatives in the Middle East to IGO Headquarters, London)
