

Resolution of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Communities (23 June 1981)

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Resolution of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Communities, meeting within the Council (23 June 1981)

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL,

recalling that the Heads of Governments meeting in Paris on 9 and 10 December 1974 requested that the possibility of creating a Passport Union and, in advance, the introduction of a uniform passport, be examined and that the European Council, meeting in Rome on 3 and 4 December 1975, agreed on the basis of the report submitted to it to introduce a passport of uniform design,

anxious to promote any measures which might strengthen the feeling among nationals of the Member States that they belong to the same Community,

considering that the establishment of such a passport is likely to facilitate the movement of nationals of the Member States,

have drawn up a passport of which the uniform format and scope are described in Annexes I and II respectively, which form an integral part of this resolution,

have resolved that the Member States will endeavour to issue the passport by 1 January 1985 at the latest.

Udfaerdiget i Luxembourg, den treogtyvende juni nitten hundrede og enogfirs.

Geschehen zu Luxemburg am dreiundzwanzigsten Juni neunzehnhunderteinundachtzig.

Έγινε στό Λουξεμβούργο, στις είκοσι τρείς Τουνίου χίλια έννιακόστα όγδόντα ένα

Done at Luxembourg on the twenty-third day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one.

Fait à Luxembourg, le vingt-trois juin mil neuf cent quatre-vingt-un.

Fatto a Lussemburgo, addì ventitré giugno millenovecentottantuno.

Gedaan te Luxemburg, de dricëntwintigste juni negentienhonderd eenentachtig.

[signatures]

ANNEXE I

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNIFORM PASSPORT

A. Passport format

The passport format will be uniform. The format will be decided upon by a working party taking into account technical problems and in particular those posed by the possible insertion of a laminated card.

Should a laminated card be inserted, it should have the dimensions stated in the draft ICAO recommendation.

B. Passport cover

(a) *Colour*: burgundy red.

(b) *Information on the cover:*

In the following order:

- the words 'European Community',
- name of the State issuing the passport,
- emblem of the State,
- the word 'Passport'.

The words 'European Community' and the name of the State will be printed in similar typeface.

(c) *Languages used on the cover:*

The above information will be given in the official language(s) of the State issuing the passport.

(d) *Inside cover:*

Each State may give here whatever information it chooses. This optional information will be given in the official language(s) of the State issuing the passport.

C. Number of pages in the passport

The passport will normally contain 32 pages. However, a passport containing more pages may be issued to people who travel frequently.

The number of pages in the passport will appear at the bottom of the last page. This information will be given in the official languages of the Member States of the European Communities⁽¹⁾.

D. First page

This page will contain the following items in the order given below:

- the words 'European Community',
- name of the State issuing the passport,
- the word 'Passport'.

The words 'European Community' and the name of the State will be printed in similar typeface.

This information will be given in the official languages of the European Communities⁽¹⁾.

The serial number of the passport will also be given on this page. The serial number may also be repeated on the other pages.

E. Laminated page and conventional identification page

The passport will contain either a laminated page, or a conventional identification page.

The laminated page and the conventional identification page will contain the same information, namely:

1. surname;
2. forename(s);
3. nationality;

4. date of birth;
5. sex;
6. place of birth;
7. date of issue;
8. date of expiry;
9. authority;
10. signature of holder.

This information will:

- be given in the official language(s) of the State issuing the passport and in English and French,
- be accompanied by numbers referring to an index stating the subject matter of such entries in the official languages of the Member States of the European Communities⁽¹⁾.

A photograph of the holder will appear on the laminated page or on the conventional identification page.

The presentation of the laminated page will comply with the model appearing in the draft ICAO recommendation.

F. Following page

The States may include on this page information on:

11. residence;
12. height;
13. colour of eyes;
14. extension of the passport.

This information will:

- be given in the official language(s) of the State issuing the passport and in English and French,
- be accompanied by numbers referring to an index stating the subject matter of such entries in the official languages of the Member States of the European Communities⁽¹⁾.

G. Following page

This page should be reserved:

- for details concerning the spouse of the holder of the passport for those Member States which issue a family passport,
- for details concerning children accompanying the holder of the passport; these details should cover the name, first name, date of birth and sex of such children,
- for, in relevant cases, the photographs of the spouse and the children.

This information will:

- be given in the official language(s) of the State issuing the passport and in English and French,
- be accompanied by numbers referring to an index stating the subject matter of such entries in the official languages of the Member States of the European Communities⁽¹⁾.

H. Following page

This page will be reserved for the authorities responsible for issuing the passport.

The information at the top of this page will be given in the official languages of the Member States of the European Communities⁽¹⁾.

I. Following page

On this page will appear the index with the translation in the official languages of the Member States of the European Communities⁽¹⁾ of the subject matter of the information given:

- on the laminated page, or
- on the conventional identification page,
- on the pages referred to in points (F) and (G).

J. Following pages

These pages will be reserved for visas. They will be numbered and left blank.

K. Inside of the back cover of the passport

Each State may print here any information and/or recommendations it chooses in its own official language(s).

ANNEX II

SCOPE

- A. The uniform passport will be available to nationals of the Member States of the European Communities.
- B. Member States may decide to issue passports of this type to other persons.
- C. Member States may in certain special cases issue passports in another form, e.g. diplomatic or service passports.
- D. If necessary in particular cases, Member States may, without prejudice to the passport to be drawn up in accordance with this resolution, continue to issue the old type of passport.

(1) I.e. the languages in which the Treaties were drawn up: Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Irish and Italian.