

PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE  
INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANISATION

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. A. Cohen

DATE: 8th September, 1947.

FROM: Miss B. Berkowich

REF: 578/80

SUBJECT: Implementation of Agreement of 15th October, 1946.

As requested by you in your minute of 6th August, I am giving you below details of the present position as regards implementation of the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, on Travel Documents, as well as suggestions concerning "follow up work" and future action.

I

POSITION AS AT 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1947.

<u>A. Countries which have signed the Agreement unconditionally</u>	<u>Date of signature</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Belgium	15th October, 1946	Travel document already being issued. Copies have been sent to us.
Chile	" " "	-
Dominican Republic	" " "	-
France	" " "	The document is not yet being issued in France, but, at the meeting of Chiefs of Mission on 21.8.47., M. Poignant said it was being issued in the French zone of Germany. We have written to ask for confirmation of this fact and full particulars.
Greece	" " "	-
India	8th November, 1946	-
Luxemburg	15th October, 1946	-
Netherlands	" " "	Travel document already being issued. Copies have been sent to us.
Sweden	" " "	Travel document already being issued. Copies have been sent to us.
Switzerland	" " "	Travel document already being issued. Copies have been sent to us.

Countries which have signed  
the Agreement unconditionally  
(continued)

	<u>Date of signature</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
United Kingdom	15th October, 1946	Travel document already being issued. Copies have been sent to us. (Also being issued in British zone of Austria).
Venezuela	" " "	Travel document already being issued. Copies have been sent to us.

B. Countries which have signed  
the Agreement "ad referendum"

Argentine )		At our request, the Foreign Office approached these three Governments asking whether they intend to confirm the signatures of their delegates. No definite reply has yet been received.
Brazil )	" " "	
Ecuador )		

C. Countries which, although  
not prepared to sign the  
Agreement, will recognize  
travel documents issued in  
accordance therewith by  
any signatory

- Australia (See letter dated 6th January, 1947, from the High Commissioner for Australia to the Director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees) (No. 1 in file 1719/64).
- Canada (See note dated 28th April, 1947, from Foreign Office to all Member Governments of the Intergovernmental Committee) (No. 29 in 1723/64).
- Denmark (See letter of 28th June, 1947, from Danish Ambassador in London to H.M. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs) (No. 5 in 1858/64).
- Turkey (Will recognize the travel document for transit purposes only - See Mr. Preston's letter of 28th March, 1947 - No. 21 in 1711/64).

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II

SUGGESTIONS

I think that, as regards most of the points mentioned below, it would be advisable to deal directly with the diplomatic representatives of the various Governments concerned rather than through the Foreign Office as in the past. This change in procedure would make it possible to avoid the

loss of time involved in retransmission of correspondence and would, in general, be more satisfactory, since we have all the relevant files and are in a better position than the Foreign Office to see the situation as a whole. There is, in fact, no logical reason why the Foreign Office should follow up these questions. It is true that they are acting as Secretariat in certain matters relating to the Agreement. But it is clear from the terms of the Agreement itself that the Intergovernmental Conference of October 1946 intended the Foreign Office to be responsible for routine questions (receipt and notification of new signatures, denunciations, etc.) rather than for detailed follow up work.

The suggestions made in this note and the attached drafts are therefore based on the assumption that most questions will be followed up directly from Headquarters. Copies of correspondence could, however, be sent to the Foreign Office in cases where you think it advisable.

Moreover, in preparing the attached drafts, I have assumed that we shall normally communicate with the various diplomatic representatives in Berne, but that questions which have previously been the subject of negotiations with diplomatic representatives in London (e.g. signature of the Agreement by the Italian Government) will continue to be dealt with through London.

The action required may be divided into the two following categories:

- A. Following up of questions which have previously been raised with the Governments concerned but which are not yet settled.
- B. New action.

A. Following up of questions which have previously been raised with the Governments concerned but which are not yet settled.

- 1) Countries which have signed the Agreement without reservations and put it into effect.

As regards the Netherlands and Venezuela, there is one technical point which has not been settled. In the travel documents printed in those

*Handwritten notes:*  
 H. Alford ✓  
 All countries mentioned in the Agreement should be included in the list of countries which have signed the Agreement without reservations and put it into effect.  
 See also paragraph 3 of the text.

two countries, the following sentence has been omitted after the return clause: "La période pendant laquelle le titulaire est autorisé à retourner ne doit pas être inférieure à trois mois." The following action was taken by the Intergovernmental Committee to point out this omission, as well as the disadvantages to refugees which might arise therefrom, to the Governments concerned:

Netherlands: Letter dated 3rd April, 1947, to Dr. Sark. (No reply.)

Venezuela: Letter dated 1st May, 1947, to Venezuelan Ambassador in London. (No reply.)

*Letter sent 24.10.47. - 4/20/4 in 645/80*

As regards the Netherlands, I think we might send a further letter to Dr. Sark enquiring what action he has taken in this matter. As far as Venezuela is concerned, I doubt whether a second approach would serve any useful purpose and, in the circumstances, it might perhaps be more tactful to let the matter rest.

2) Countries which have signed the Agreement without reservations but which have not yet put it into effect.

The countries concerned are the following:

- Chile
- Dominican Republic
- France
- Greece
- India
- Luxemburg

At our request, the Foreign Office wrote to the Governments of the above-mentioned countries on 8th April last asking what action they had taken to implement the Agreement. No reply having been received from any of the Governments concerned, I think we should now approach them again. I have therefore included a paragraph on this subject in a draft letter (Annex 1) to the diplomatic representatives of these countries, with the exception of France.

With regard to France, you will recall that, as a result of your mission to Paris in May of this year, the French authorities promised that they would put the Agreement into effect in France if it were first applied in the Western zones of Germany. I think, therefore, that we should begin by endeavouring to have the Agreement applied in Germany (see action suggested

*Approved ✓*  
*Venezuela: M/M*  
*investigation*  
*letter to Dr*  
*to Sark.*

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under B(1) below). If we succeed in having the Agreement put into effect in one or more of the Western zones of Germany, we shall be in a better position to revert to the question of its application in France.

3) Countries which have signed the Agreement "ad referendum" but which have not yet confirmed their signature.

The countries concerned are the following:

- Argentine
- Brazil
- Ecuador

This matter was followed up through the Foreign Office last March. I think we should now raise the question again and I have included

✓ a paragraph on the subject in a draft letter (Annex 2) to the diplomatic representatives of the above-mentioned countries. / one

4) Countries with which negotiations regarding signature of the Agreement have taken place.

(a) Czechoslovakia

Negotiations regarding signature by the Czechoslovak Government took place at the end of 1946 and during the early part of 1947 between the Representative of the Intergovernmental Committee in Prague and the competent Czechoslovak authorities. No final decision has, to our knowledge, been taken by the Czechoslovak Government, and I think we should now write to PCIRO Prague asking for particulars as to the present state of the negotiations. *(action taken - see letter of 24.10.47. (N° 3 in 634/80) - RB)*

(b) Egypt

Negotiations took place in May and June of this year between the Representative of the Intergovernmental Committee in the Middle East and the Egyptian Government. I think we should follow up this matter with PCIRO, Cairo. *(action taken - 22.12.47. - see file N° 636/80)*

(c) Italy

As a result of negotiations which took place from March to June of this year between the Italian Embassy in London and the Intergovernmental Committee, Signor Migone, Counsellor to the Italian Embassy, stated in his letter of 12th June, 1947, that the Italian Government had decided to adhere to the Agreement of 15th October, 1946. On 16th July, 1947, PCIRO Legal Division wrote to the Foreign Office asking whether the Italian Government

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Agreement  
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*Why not follow through to Cyril...  
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had actually signed the Agreement. The Foreign Office reply, dated 16th August, 1947, is in the negative. I have therefore prepared a follow up letter to Signor Migone (Annex 3).

*Action taken 24.10.47. (See Nos 6 and 7 in 327/80. AB).*

5) British Colonial Office

In April 1947, the Colonial Office sent the Intergovernmental Committee a copy of a Draft Circular Despatch to Colonial Governors asking for their views on the question of extending the application of the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, to their respective territories. At the request of the Colonial Office, the Intergovernmental Committee suggested various modifications and additions to that despatch. I think we should now write to the Colonial Office to enquire whether there have been any developments in this matter.

B. New action

1) Germany and Austria

(a) Germany

I think the nature of any new attempt to obtain application of the Agreement in the Western zones of Germany should depend on the reply to our letter of 28th August to FCIRO, Germany (French zone). In that letter we referred to the statement recently made by M. Poignant in Geneva to the effect that the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, was already being applied in the French zone of Germany, and asked for details.

If it is clear, from the reply to our above-mentioned letter, that the Agreement is, in fact, being applied in the French zone of Germany, I think we should make a new approach to the British and American Governments along the following lines:

(i) Reference to the recommendation adopted by the Intergovernmental Conference of October 1946 regarding application of the Agreement in the occupied territories.

(ii) The adoption of the new document in the French zone of Germany has destroyed the uniformity of the tripartite travel document issued on a temporary basis. The obvious way to restore uniformity in the issue of travel documents in Germany would be for the British and American Govern-

*This has been possible due to the agreement a fact we will have to deal with. Several documents have been destroyed. It is clear that the agreement is being applied in the French zone of Germany. We should make a new approach to the British and American Governments along the following lines:*



2) Countries which were represented at the Intergovernmental Conference of October 1946 but which have neither signed the Agreement nor indicated their intention of recognizing the travel document.

The countries concerned are the following:

- o/r* Bolivia
- Czechoslovakia
- Egypt
- o/r* Norway
- Poland
- Union of South Africa
- o/r* United States

The question of Czechoslovakia and Egypt has already been dealt with in II.A(4) (a) and (b) of this note.

✓ As far as Poland is concerned, I think that, in view of the statements made by the Polish delegate to the Intergovernmental Conference of October 1946, there would be little point in approaching the Polish authorities regarding signature of the Agreement.

With regard to the United States, the State Department has already stated that it is unable either to sign the Agreement or to recognize the travel document (letter No. 8 in 1729/64). I do not think anything would be gained by raising the matter again with the American authorities (except insofar as the question of limited application of the Agreement (occupied territories - see suggestions above under II.B(1)) is concerned).

*Ami* ✓ There remains the question of Bolivia, Norway and the Union of South Africa. I have prepared a draft letter (Annex 4) to the diplomatic representatives of these countries.

3) Countries which were Members of the Intergovernmental Committee but which were not represented at the Intergovernmental Conference of October 1946.

The countries concerned are the following:

- Colombia
- Haiti
- o/r* Honduras
- o/r* Iceland
- Ireland
- Liechtenstein
- Mexico
- o/r* New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Paraguay
- o/r* Peru

I have prepared a draft letter to the diplomatic representatives of these countries (Annex 5).



III

FINAL REMARKS

You may consider some of the action suggested in Section II inadvisable or unnecessary. Nevertheless, I have attempted to mention all steps which might possibly be taken to promote wider acceptance of the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, so that you may have a complete picture of the present situation.

Not all the suggestions made in Section II are accompanied by draft letters. In some cases, this is because the action suggested is merely routine follow up work (e.g. letter to PCIRO representatives in Czechoslovakia and the Middle East). In others, (e.g. application of the Agreement in Germany and Austria) the point in question is rather delicate and I have considered it advisable to await your comments before preparing draft letters. However, in order to avoid overlooking any of the points concerned, I have made a list of them for future reference (Annex 9).

*AB.*

To: Diplomatic representatives (Berne) of: Chile ✓ (CP# 2 in 631/80 - sub-file 4)  
 Dominican Republic ✓ (CP# 2 in 635/80)  
 Greece ✓ (see CP# 3 in 639/80)  
 Luxemburg ✓

Office of the High Commissioner for India, London (India has only a commercial representative in Berne).

(see files 90/1/LUX and 90/1/PAK.)

Your Excellency (Sir),

I have the honour to refer to the Intergovernmental Agreement relating to the issue of a travel document to refugees coming within the mandate of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, which was signed in London on..... on behalf of Your Excellency's Government.

2. Article 20 of the above-mentioned Agreement reads as follows:

"In the event of the transfer to any other international organisation of the functions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, all the provisions in the Agreement relating to the Intergovernmental Committee shall be deemed to apply to the said organisation."

3. Your Excellency is no doubt aware that the functions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees ceased on 30th June last and were transferred, on 1st July, 1947, to the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization. In accordance, therefore, with the terms of Article 20 of the Agreement, all the provisions in the Agreement which previously related to the Intergovernmental Committee now apply to the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization.

4. In view of the foregoing, I should be grateful if I might be informed of the steps which have been taken by Your Excellency's Government to implement the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, and of the date on which it is expected that the competent ..... authorities will be in a position to issue the document established by the above Agreement.

5. It will be remembered that the Intergovernmental Conference which drew up the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, considered that it would be desirable for each Government which signed the Agreement to receive a copy of the document issued in accordance therewith by each of the other signatories. I have accordingly the honour to enclose herewith, for transmission to Your Excellency's Government, a copy of the travel documents already being issued, under the terms of the Agreement of 15th October, 1946,

by the Governments of the following countries:

.....

Copies of the travel documents issued by other signatories to the Agreement will be sent to Your Excellency as and when they are received in this office.

6. May I take this opportunity of requesting that 25 copies of the travel document to be issued by Your Excellency's Government under the terms of the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, be dispatched, as soon as possible, to the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization, in order that a copy of that document may be sent to each of the other signatories to the Agreement.

7. I should greatly appreciate receiving Your Excellency's reply, at an early date, concerning the question raised in paragraph 4. of this letter.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

To: Diplomatic representatives (Berne) of: Argentine *(No 2 in 631/80-sub file 1)*  
 Diplomatic representative (London) of: Brazil *(No 5 in 631/80-sub file 3)*  
 Ecuador *(Ecuador has no diplomatic representative in Berne). (No 2 in 631/80-sub file 7)*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Intergovernmental Agreement relating to the issue of a travel document to refugees coming within the mandate of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, which was signed <sup>ad referendum</sup> in London on ..... on behalf of Your Excellency's Government.

2. Article 20 of the above-mentioned Agreement reads as follows:

"In the event of the transfer to any other international organization of the functions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, all the provisions in the Agreement relating to the Intergovernmental Committee shall be deemed to apply to the said organization."

3. Your Excellency is no doubt aware that the functions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees ceased on 30th June last and were transferred, on 1st July, 1947, to the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization. In accordance, therefore, with the terms of Article 20 of the Agreement, all the provisions in the Agreement which previously related to the Intergovernmental Committee now apply to the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization.

4. In view of the foregoing (Argentine and Brazil only: and in view of the fact that the Constitution of the International Refugee Organization was signed by .....), may I express the hope that Your Excellency's Government will deem it possible to confirm, in the very near future, the signature appended by its delegate to the Agreement of 15th October, 1946. I should be grateful for any information which Your Excellency may be able to let me have regarding the intentions of the ..... Government in this respect.

5. ~~It will be remembered that~~ the Intergovernmental Conference which drew up the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, considered that it would be desirable for each Government which signed the Agreement to receive a copy of the document issued in accordance therewith by each of the other signatories. I have accordingly the honour to enclose herewith, for transmission to Your Excellency's Government, a copy of the travel documents

already being issued, under the terms of the Agreement of 15th October, 1946,  
by the Governments of the following countries:

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Copies of the travel documents issued by other signatories to the Agreement  
will be sent to Your Excellency as and when they are received in this office.

6. I should greatly appreciate receiving Your Excellency's reply,  
at an early date, concerning the question raised in paragraph 4 of this  
letter.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

*Letter des  
(Apr. 6 in 327)*

To: Signor Migone,  
Italian Embassy,  
London.

Dear Signor Migone,

May I refer to your letter No. 2102 of 12th June, 1947, addressed to the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees in London, in which you stated that the Italian Government had decided to adhere to the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, concerning the issue of a travel document to certain refugees.

2. You will remember that Article 20 of the above-mentioned Agreement reads as follows:

"In the event of the transfer to any other international organization of the functions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, all the provisions in the Agreement relating to the Intergovernmental Committee shall be deemed to apply to the said organization."

3. The functions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees ceased, as you know, on 30th June last and were transferred, on 1st July, 1947, to the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization. In accordance, therefore, with the terms of Article 20 of the Agreement, all the provisions in the Agreement which previously related to the Intergovernmental Committee now apply to the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization.

4. In view of the foregoing, may I be permitted to enquire whether the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, has now been signed by the Italian Government and, if so, on what date.

5. It was the opinion of the Intergovernmental Conference which drew up the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, that it would be desirable for each Government which signed the Agreement to receive a copy of the document issued in accordance therewith by each of the other signatories. I therefore enclose herewith, for transmission to the competent Italian authorities, a copy of the travel documents already being issued, under the terms of the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, by the Governments of the following countries:

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Copies of the travel documents issued by other signatories to the Agreement

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will be sent to you as and when ~~they~~ are received in this office.

6. I should greatly appreciate receiving a reply, as soon as possible, concerning the question raised in paragraph 4 of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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ANNEX 4.

To: Diplomatic representative (Berne) of Norway (See correspondence Nos 3 and 4 in 90/11/NOR)  
" " Min. of F.A. (London) of Bolivia (Bolivia has no diplomatic representative in Berne).

Office of the High Commissioner for South Africa, London (South Africa has no diplomatic representative in Berne).

X  
Your Excellency (Sir),

As the result of an Intergovernmental Conference held in London from 8th - 15th October, 1946, which was attended by a representative of Your Excellency's Government, an international Agreement relating to the issue of a travel document to refugees coming within the mandate of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees was drawn up and signed, on 15th October, 1946, by the representatives of 14 Governments. The Agreement was subsequently signed, on 8th November, 1946, by a representative of the Government of India.

2. Article 20 of the above-mentioned Agreement reads as follows:

"In the event of the transfer to any other international organization of the functions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, all the provisions in the Agreement relating to the Intergovernmental Committee shall be deemed to apply to the said organization."

3. Your Excellency is no doubt aware that the functions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees ceased on 30th June last and were transferred, on 1st July, 1947, to the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization. In accordance, therefore, with the terms of Article 20 of the Agreement, all the provisions in the Agreement which previously related to the Intergovernmental Committee now apply to the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization.

4. In view of the foregoing (Bolivia and Norway only; and in view of the fact that the Constitution of the International Refugee Organization was signed by ..... on .....), may I be permitted to enquire whether Your Excellency's Government would now consider adhering to the Agreement of 15th October, 1946. (Bolivia and South Africa only: In this connection, I would point out that, should the ..... Government not deem it possible to accept all the clauses of the above-

...

mentioned Agreement, they might perhaps consider signing it with the reservation that their signature entails only an obligation to recognize travel documents issued by any other Government in accordance with that Agreement.

/ 5. I have the honour to enclose herewith, for the information of Your Excellency's Government, a list of the countries which have signed the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, or which have indicated that they are prepared to recognize travel documents issued in accordance therewith by any signatory Government.

I should greatly appreciate receiving Your Excellency's reply, in due course, to the question raised in paragraph 4 of this letter.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,



tion to recognize travel documents issued by any other Government in accordance with that Agreement.

/ 5. I have the honour to enclose herewith, for the information of Your Excellency's Government, a list of the countries which have signed the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, or which have indicated that they are prepared to recognize travel documents issued in accordance therewith by any signatory Government.

I should greatly appreciate receiving Your Excellency's reply, in due course, to the question raised in paragraph 4 of this letter.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

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ANNEX 6

To: Diplomatic representatives (Berne) of: Belgium ✓ (CP<sup>5</sup> in 584/80)  
France ✓ (CP<sup>12</sup> in 581/80)  
Netherlands ✓ (CP<sup>5</sup> in 645/80)  
Sweden ✓ (CP<sup>4</sup> in 649/80)  
personal letter  
Mr. Carew Robinson (Home Office, London)/(copy to Mr. Boothby, F.O.) ✓  
Département fédéral de Justice et Police, Berne, Switzerland. ✓  
Diplomatic representative (Berne) of Venezuela. ✓ (CP<sup>3</sup> in 631/80 - sub-file 10)

Your Excellency, (in)

I have the honour to refer to the Intergovernmental Agreement relating to the issue of a travel document to refugees coming within the mandate of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees which was signed in London on 15th October, 1946, on behalf of Your Excellency's Government.

2. Your Excellency is no doubt aware that the functions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees ceased on 30th June last and were transferred, on 1st July, 1947, to the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization.

3. It will be remembered that the Intergovernmental Conference which drew up the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, considered that it would be desirable for each Government which signed the Agreement to receive a copy of the document issued in accordance therewith by each of the other signatories. In view of this fact and in view of the transfer of functions referred to in paragraph 2 of this letter, I have the honour to enclose herewith, for transmission to Your Excellency's Government, a copy of the travel documents already being issued, under the terms of the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, by the Governments of the following countries:

.....

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

To: The High Commissioner for Australia, London (Australia has no diplomatic representative in Berne).

(See App 2 in 632/80)

Sir,

I refer to your letter of 6th January, 1947, addressed to the Director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees in London, in which you stated that the Australian Government, while unable to sign the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, regarding the issue of a travel document to certain refugees, would be prepared to recognize a document issued in accordance therewith by any signatory.

2. You are no doubt aware that the functions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees ceased on 30th June last and were transferred, on 1st July, 1947, to the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization.

3. It will be remembered that the Intergovernmental Conference which drew up the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, considered that it would be desirable for each Government which signed the Agreement to receive a copy of the document issued in accordance therewith by each of the other signatories. It is the opinion of the Preparatory Commission that such copies should also be sent to Governments which, although they have not signed the Agreement, have indicated their willingness to recognize the travel documents in question. I therefore enclose herewith, for transmission to the Australian Government, a copy of the travel documents already being issued, under the terms of the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, by the Governments of the following countries:

.....

Copies of the travel documents issued by other signatories to the Agreement will be sent to you as and when they are received in this office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

DRAFT

To: Diplomatic representatives (Berne) of: Canada (See No 2 in 638/80). 32  
 Denmark (See letter of 11.12.47 - No 3  
 in 341/80).  
 Turkey (No. 1 in 1141/80)

Your Excellency,

As the result of an Intergovernmental Conference held in London from 8th - 15th October, 1946, which was attended by a representative of Your Excellency's Government, an international Agreement relating to the issue of a travel document to refugees coming within the mandate of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees was drawn up and signed, on 15th October, 1946, by the representatives of 14 Governments. The Agreement was subsequently signed, on 8th November, 1946, by a representative of the Government of India.

1947,  
 2. (For Canada: In a note dated 29th April, the Foreign Office informed the Director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees in London that the Government of Canada) (For Denmark: In a letter dated 28th June, 1947, the Danish Ambassador in London informed the Director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees that the Danish Government), while unable to sign the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, would be prepared to recognize a travel document issued in accordance therewith by any signatory.

3. Your Excellency is no doubt aware that the functions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees ceased on 30th June last and were transferred, on 1st July, 1947, to the Preparatory Commission for the International Refugee Organization.

4. ~~It will be remembered that~~ the Intergovernmental Conference which drew up the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, considered that it would be desirable for each Government which signed the Agreement to receive a copy of the document issued in accordance therewith by each of the other signatories. It is the opinion of the Preparatory Commission that such copies should also be sent to Governments which, although they have not signed the Agreement, have indicated their willingness to recognize the travel documents in question. I have therefore the honour to enclose herewith, for transmission to Your Excellency's Government, a copy of the

travel documents already being issued, under the terms of the Agreement of 15th October, 1946, by the Governments of the following countries:

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Copies of the travel documents issued by other signatories to the Agreement will be sent to Your Excellency as and when they are received in this office.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

ACTION SUGGESTED IN THE PRESENT MEMORANDUM AND WHICH IS NOT COVERED BY ANNEXES 1 - 8

(CP# 4 in 645/80)

- ✓ 1. Follow up letter to Dr. Sark (and, possibly, Venezuelan Government) (II.A(1)).
- ✓ 2. Follow up letters to FCIRO representatives in Czechoslovakia and Middle East (II.A(4) (a) and (b)).   
*(CP# 3 in 634/80)*  
*(Letter of 22.12.47 in 636/80)*
- ✓ 3. Follow up letter to British Colonial Office (II.A(5)).
- ✓ 4. Action regarding application of the Agreement in Germany and Austria (II.B(1) (a) and (b)). *See file 90/1/4. WZ.*
- ✓ 5. Letter with a view to checking our records with those of the Foreign Office (II.B(6)). *(CP# 14 in present file)*
- ✓ 6. Approach to the Portuguese Government regarding signature of the Agreement (II.B(7)).

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