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**1985 NORTHERN CORRIDOR TRANSIT AGREEMENT**  
**PROTOCOL No 8 FACILITIES FOR TRANSIT AGENCIES AND EMPLOYEES**

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**Article 1: Application**

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Northern Corridor Transit Agreement, the Contracting Parties agree to apply the provisions of this Protocol related to facilities for transit employees, which is an integral part of the Agreement.

**Article 2: Content of the Protocol**

This Protocol contains provisions for the granting of facilities and making of arrangements in order to facilitate orderly management and conduct of traffic in transit, and for the smooth and speedy movement of such traffic on the respective territories of the Contracting Parties.

**Article 3: Establishment of Transit Liaison Offices •**

Each Contracting Party shall allow other Contracting Parties which so desire to open Transit Liaison Offices and station Liaison Officers at such offices in their respective territories.

**Article 4: Carrier agencies •**

Each Contracting Party shall grant carriers, duly recognized by the competent authority of the Contracting Parties where such carriers are domiciled, permission to set up agencies in their respective territories for the purpose of conducting transit traffic operations.

**Article 5: Provision of services and amenities •**

The Contracting Parties shall provide, wherever possible, services for lighting, heating, cooling, cleaning, telephone and telex communications and postal facilities, to liaison offices where permitted, and to agencies set up by the other Contracting Parties within their territories, on payment of the prevailing charges for such services.

**Article 6: Visa, work and stay permits for transit employees •**

Each Contracting Party shall issue multiple entry visa and work permits of the longest possible duration to the employees of transport enterprises and companies engaged at their agencies, or in the operation of transit on its territory.

**Article 7: Travel of transit employees**

The Contracting Parties shall allow officials of carrier agencies employed for the operation of traffic in transit in routes on their territories to travel freely on all the routes open to such traffic.

**Article 8: Identification of employees •**

1. The Contracting Parties agree to issue Transit Service Cards to the employees of their respective transit agencies, stationed on their territories, indicating their names, nationality, rank and the nature of their duties, with instructions to present such Transit Service Cards upon request of competent officials while in the territory of the other Contracting Parties, provided it is understood that such Transit Service Cards are not travel documents.

2. The Contracting Parties shall encourage their transit employees to wear distinguishing badges or uniforms while on duty, in order to make them easily distinguishable in their functions in transit traffic.

**Article 9: Exchange of information •**

1. The Contracting Parties agree to exchange information with descriptions of the distinguishing signs, identity cards and badges, and uniforms used in connexion with transit traffic, and to inform each other of any changes made.

2. The Contracting Parties also agree to transmit information specifying the names and functions of the employees of their carrier agencies stationed on the territories of the other Contracting Parties, and the places where they are stationed.

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**Article 3**

The establishment of Transit Liaison Offices enables each Contracting Party to assign officials, the Liaison Officers, to represent their interests as regards transit transport matters. Liaison officers will be responsible for the forwarding of goods coming from or going to their respective countries. They will follow the different steps of the transit operation, will aid in solving any problems related to procedures and documentation and will keep the interested parties informed of difficulties and possible solutions to overcome them.

**Article 4**

In order to provide an efficient service, road and rail carriers need to be able to monitor transit operations step by step.

For this purpose they need to be informed of any problems arising, in order to solve them as soon as possible. It is therefore important for them to have agents placed along the transit routes and capable to take necessary measures as required.

**Article 5**

The tariffs for the provision of the services referred to in this Article and amenities should be applied respecting the principle of equality among users and considering that the tariffs must correspond to the extent possible with the expenses actually incurred.

**Article 6**

The provisions of this Article aim at ensuring the continuation of the work of the official representatives of each Contracting Party and of the road and rail carriers agents by guaranteeing them a period of at least one year to carry out their tasks. In case these officials need to enter and leave the country the Contracting Parties concerned should grant them multiple entry visas.

**Article 8**

These provisions are intended for the authorities in each Contracting Party to easily identify transit employees who are nationals of other Contracting Parties and thereby be able to control their activities. These provisions are aimed at creating an atmosphere of mutual trust among the Contracting Parties.

It should be noted that Transit Service Cards are not travel documents.

**Article 9**

The provisions of this Article allow each Contracting Party to control the activities of the Liaison Offices and transit agencies of other Contracting Parties located on its territory. They also aim at creating an atmosphere of mutual trust among the Contracting Parties.