

that they are at a moderate level in relation to the average weekly income in the respective participating States;

— further facilitating wider travel on an individual or collective basis for personal and professional reasons, by reducing requirements for exit visas where these exist and by improving where necessary procedures for the issuance of entry visas and through waiving requirements for minimum currency exchange and for advance hotel reservations;

— further facilitating contacts, meetings, exchange of and freer access to information among religious faiths, institutions and organizations and their representatives in the field of their activities, in accordance with all the possibilities provided for in the Final Act;

— permitting persons freely to contact and visit foreign missions without disadvantage to their rights and social status.

VIII

The representatives of the participating States noted that the improvement in the circulation of, access to and exchange of information was still in its initial stage, and that further efforts were necessary to reach the freer and wider dissemination of all kinds of information and by all types of news media called for in the Final Act, especially in the field of printed information. They expressed satisfaction as to the degree of co-operation attained in the field of information, especially between radio and television organizations, and expressed the hope that such co-operation will also become more active between other news media and their journalists. They noted some progress in the improvement of working conditions for journalists, but felt that these conditions still vary, thus calling for further efforts.

The participating States intend in particular:

— in response to demand to facilitate further the importation, sale and subscription of newspapers and periodicals from other participating States by making full use of the possibilities contained in the Final Act;

— to favour further bilateral and multilateral co-operation among press agencies;

— to simplify further existing requirements for all foreign journalists to enter and leave, as well as to stay and travel, within a participating State, with the documentation necessary for their work;

— to further facilitate, in all aspects, the work of foreign journalists, *inter alia*, personal access to sources;

— to favour the creation and activities of foreign press associations in their capitals;