

# **SOCIAL SECURITY: RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS**

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## PROPOSITION

**THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion -**

to request the Bailiff to inform the Secretary of State that it is the wish of the Assembly that Conventions on Social Security between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Governments of the countries listed below should apply to Jersey.

Japan  
Korea  
Chile  
Croatia  
Slovenia  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Poland

### EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

NOTE: Copies of the draft Convention may be seen at the Employment and Social Security Department.

## Report

The Employment and Social Security Committee continues to support the development of reciprocal agreements on social security between Jersey and other countries to protect the rights to benefit and regulate the contribution liability of individuals as they move between countries. Migrant worker travel is now more common throughout the world as trade and commerce move across national boundaries. Opportunities to extend our network of agreements occur when the United Kingdom opens up negotiations on 'bilateral' agreements to amend existing agreements or indeed to implement new agreements.

Currently the United Kingdom is negotiating agreements with Eastern European States in anticipation of the enlargement of the European Community, and further afield with countries in Asia and South America on a 'double contribution' basis only to regulate the payment of contributions to avoid the expense of dual liability to individuals and their employers. Initial negotiations on the various agreements have shown that reciprocal arrangements can be made and the States are being asked to give an in principle decision that Jersey should be included in the agreements under discussion. As the negotiations are completed with each country the States will need to give formal approval to each individual agreement as the terms of the Convention will vary between countries although all will be based on the 'model agreement'.

The countries in question are Japan, Korea, Chile, Croatia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Denmark and Poland.