

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
ON
EXEMPTION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF
DIPLOMATIC AND SERVICE/ OFFICIAL PASSPORTS

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Government of the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties"),

Considering the interest of both countries to strengthen their friendly relations, and the desire to facilitate the entry of nationals of one country, who are holders of diplomatic and service/official passports, into the territory of the other,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. The nationals of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam who are holders of valid diplomatic or official passports shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter, leave, transit through or stay in the territory of the Republic of Croatia for the maximum period of thirty (30) days.

2. The nationals of the Republic of Croatia who are holders of valid diplomatic or service passports shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter, leave, transit through or stay in the territory of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the maximum period of thirty (30) days.

Article 2

Nationals of either Contracting Party, who are holders of valid diplomatic or service/official passports of the Contracting Parties who are members of a diplomatic mission, consular post or representatives in an international organization located in the territory of the other Contracting Party, as well as their family members who live with them in the same household and are holders of valid diplomatic or service/official passports,

may enter, stay in and leave the territory of the other Contracting Party without a visa during the period of their assignment.

Article 3

Nationals of either Contracting Party, mentioned in Article 1 and Article 2 of this Agreement, may enter, leave and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party at all border crossing points open to international passenger traffic.

Article 4

This Agreement shall not affect the obligation of nationals of either Contracting Party to abide by the laws and regulations currently in force in the territory of the other Contracting Party.

Article 5

1. Each Contracting Party reserves the right to refuse the entry into, or shorten the stay in its territory of any national of the other Contracting Party whom it may consider undesirable.

2. If a national of one Contracting Party loses his/her diplomatic or service/official passport in the territory of the other Contracting Party, he/she shall inform the authorities concerned of that Contracting Party for appropriate action. The diplomatic mission or consular post concerned will issue a new travel document to its national and inform the concerned authorities of the receiving State.

Article 6

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, each Contracting Party shall transmit to the other, through diplomatic channels, specimens of its diplomatic and service/official passports, including a detailed description of such documents, currently used, not later than 30 (thirty) days from the date of signing this Agreement.

2. Each Contracting Party shall also transmit to the other through diplomatic channels specimens of its new or modified diplomatic or service/official passports, including a detailed description of such documents at least thirty (30) days before their introduction.

Article 7

Each Contracting Party reserves the right for reasons of national security, public order or public health to suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, the application of this Agreement. Such a suspension and termination of the suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Contracting Party in writing through diplomatic channels.

Article 8

This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Contracting Parties. Any amendment agreed upon by the Contracting Parties, shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure stipulated in Article 9 of this Agreement.

Article 9

1. This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of the last written notification by which the Contracting Parties have notified each other through diplomatic channels that their internal legal requirements necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement have been met.

2. This Agreement has been concluded for an indefinite period of time.

3. Either Contracting Party may denounce this Agreement at any time by written notification to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels. In such a case the Agreement shall terminate ninety (90) days from the date the receipt of the denunciation notice by the other Contracting Party.

In witness whereof, the undersigned being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Hanoi, on October 29, 2009 in two originals, each in Vietnamese, Croatian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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