

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC
ON
EXEMPTION FROM VISA REQUIREMENT
FOR HOLDERS OF
VALID DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Government of the Hellenic Republic, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

Desiring to intensify their bilateral relations,

Considering their interest in strengthening their existing friendly relations and with a view to facilitating travel of nationals of the one Party, holders of valid diplomatic passports, to the territory of the other Party,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

(1) Greek nationals holding valid Greek diplomatic passports, who are not appointed to the diplomatic mission or consular posts of the Hellenic Republic in the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam or who are not representatives of the Hellenic Republic to international organizations having their seat in the territory of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, shall be exempt from the visa requirement to enter, transit through, stay in and leave the territory of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam for up to ninety (90) days (in one or several periods) in any hundred and eighty (180) days period, beginning on the day of arrival.

(2) Vietnamese nationals holding valid Vietnamese diplomatic passports, who are not appointed to the diplomatic mission or consular posts of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in the Hellenic Republic or who are not representatives of

the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to international organizations having their seat in the territory of the Hellenic Republic, shall be exempt from visa requirement to enter, transit through, stay in and leave the territory of the Hellenic Republic for up to ninety (90) days (in one or several periods) in any hundred and eighty (180) days period, following the date of the first entry into the territory of one of the signatories to the Schengen Agreement.

(3) The exercise of paid activities, for which a work permit is required under the national legislation of the Parties, is not permitted.

Article 2

(1) This Agreement does not exempt nationals of either Party, holders of valid diplomatic passports who are appointed to the diplomatic mission or consular posts of that Party to the territory of the other Party or are representatives of that Party to international organizations having their seat in the territory of the other Party from the requirement to obtain a visa for accreditation by the receiving State prior to their arrival at its territory.

(2) This Agreement does not exempt the family members of the persons mentioned in paragraph 1, who form part of their household and are holders of valid diplomatic passports, from the requirement to obtain a visa by the receiving State prior to their arrival at its territory.

(3) The receiving State shall issue the visas mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 in accordance with its national legislation.

Article 3

The individuals mentioned in Articles 1 and 2 of this Agreement may enter, transit through and leave the territory of the State of the other Party at all border crossing points open to international passenger traffic.

Article 4

This Agreement shall not affect the obligation of the individuals referred to in Article 1 and 2 above to respect the laws of the receiving State.

Article 5

This Agreement shall not affect the right of the competent authorities of either Party to refuse entry or prohibit the stay to those persons declared undesirable or

who fail to meet the conditions in force for entry and residence in the territory of their States.

Article 6

(1) The Parties shall exchange specimens of their diplomatic passports through diplomatic channels within thirty (30) days after the date of receipt of the last written notification by which a Party informs the other, through diplomatic channels, about the completion of its relevant internal procedures in accordance with Article 10.

(2) If a Party modifies its existing diplomatic passports or introduces new diplomatic passports, it shall provide the other Party, without delay through diplomatic channels, with specimens of these documents. The Parties shall apply the standards for machine-readable travel documents recommended by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

(3) The Parties shall notify each other without delay of any changes in their national legislation regarding the issuance of diplomatic passports.

(4) In the case of loss, theft or invalidation of a diplomatic passport, the Parties shall notify each other without delay, through diplomatic channels.

Article 7

(1) Either Party may suspend, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this Agreement for reasons of national security, public order or public health.

(2) The other Party shall be notified in writing of the suspension of the implementation of this Agreement through diplomatic channels, no later than 15 calendar days prior to the entry into effect of such measure.

(3) The suspension of the implementation of this Agreement shall not affect the rights of nationals of either Party mentioned in Articles 1 and 2 of this Agreement already present in the territory of the State of the other Party.

(4) The Party that has suspended the implementation of the Agreement shall notify the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels of the revocation of the suspension of the implementation of the Agreement, no later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to entry into effect of such measure.

Article 8

This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties. Any amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 10 for the entry into force of the Agreement.

Article 9

Any differences regarding the interpretation or the application of this Agreement shall be settled between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

Article 10

This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the date of receipt of the last written notification by which a Party informs the other, through diplomatic channels, about the completion of its relevant internal procedures. It shall remain in force until terminated by either Party upon a three - month prior written notice to the other Party through diplomatic channels.

Done at Athens , on 02/07/ 2018, in two originals, each in the Vietnamese, Greek and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in the interpretation the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the Socialist
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