

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIET NAM
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE
ON VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND
OFFICIAL OR SERVICE PASSPORTS

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Government of the Republic of Côte D'Ivoire, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

Desiring to strengthen and develop the friendly relations between the two countries;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. Citizens of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, who are holders of valid diplomatic or official passport, shall be exempted from visa requirements for entry into, exit from and transit through the territory of the Republic of Côte D'Ivoire.

Citizens of the Republic of Côte D'Ivoire, who are holders of valid diplomatic or service passport, shall be exempted from visa requirements for entry into, exit from and transit through the territory of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

2. The persons mentioned in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be permitted to stay in the territory of the other Party for a maximum period of 90 days. Upon the request in writing of the diplomatic mission or consular post of the Party whose citizens the passport holders are, the other Party may extend the permit of residence for those persons.

3. The persons mentioned in the paragraph 1 of this Article may enter into, exit from and transit through the state territory of the other Party at any border checkpoints designated for international travel.

Article 2

1. Citizen of the one Party, who are members of the diplomatic mission or consular post of their country accredited to the territory of the other Party, shall be exempted from visa requirements for entry into and exit from the territory of the other Party during the whole period of their assignment, provided that they are holders of diplomatic and official or service passports. They shall also be permitted to stay there during this period. Citizens of one Party who are the representatives of his/her country in the international organizations located in the territory of the other Party and hold the said passports shall also enjoy the rights mentioned above.

2. The same privileges shall also apply to the spouse and children of persons mentioned in Paragraph 1 of this Article, provided that they are holders of diplomatic and official or service passports or the children's names are entered in their father's or mother's passport.

Article 3

Through diplomatic channels, the competent authorities of the two Parties shall, at the earliest time as possible, inform each other of changes of their laws and regulations concerning the entry, exit and temporary stay of foreigners.

Article 4

1. This Agreement shall not exempt persons who are holders of the said passports from the obligation to observe laws and regulations of the host country.

2. Each Party has the right to refuse entry into or to shorten the duration of stay in its territory to any citizen of the other Party.

Article 5

If a citizen of one Party loses his/her valid diplomatic and official or service passport in the territory of the other Party, he/she shall inform the diplomatic mission or consular post concerned and the relevant authorities of the host country. After issuing a new passport or travel document in accordance with its laws and regulations, the said diplomatic mission or consular post shall inform the relevant authorities of the host country of the revocation of the lost passport as well as the above issuance

Article 6

For reasons of national security or public health, either Party may, in whole or in part, suspend the implementation of this Agreement. In that case, the Party that decides on the suspension shall immediately notify to the other Party of such a decision through diplomatic channels.

Article 7

Through diplomatic channels, the Parties shall convey to each other specimens of diplomatic and official or service passports being used by each Party before the entry of into force of this Agreement or the specimens of new diplomatic and official or service passports at least 30 (thirty) days before their introduction.

Article 8

1. This Agreement shall enter into force 60 (sixty) days after the date of signing.

2. This Agreement shall be effective for an indefinite period, unless either Party gives to the other Party three-month notice in writing of its intention to terminate the validity of this Agreement.

3. This Agreement may be amended and supplemented by written notification through diplomatic channels by mutual consent of the Parties.

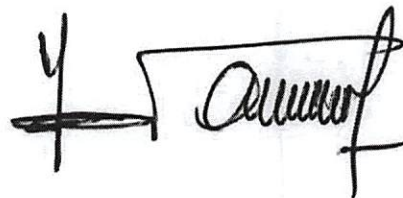
Done at Abidjan on 18 April 2017 in duplicate, each in French, English and Vietnamese languages, all text being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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