

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
CONCERNING
THE MUTUAL ABOLITION OF VISAS
ON
DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS

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

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

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. Nationals of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam or nationals of the Republic of Korea, in possession of valid diplomatic or official passports, may enter, transit and exit the territory of the other state without a visa for a period of stay not exceeding ninety (90) days from the date of their entry.

2. The receiving state may extend the permit of stay for nationals of the other state who hold valid diplomatic or official passports, upon receiving a written request from the requesting nationals' diplomatic or consular mission.

Article 2

Nationals of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam or nationals of the Republic of Korea, in possession of valid diplomatic or official passports, who are appointed to a diplomatic or consular mission of their state or are representatives of their state in intergovernmental international organization in the territory of the other state, and members of their family forming part of their household, in possession of valid diplomatic or official passports, shall be

permitted to enter or exit the territory of the other state without a visa, during the period of their official mission.

Article 3

Nationals of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam or nationals of the Republic of Korea, in possession of valid diplomatic or official passports, with the exception of nationals referred to in Article 2, who intend to stay more than ninety (90) days in the territory of the other state, are required to obtain in advance a visa, which shall be issued without charge.

Article 4

Without prejudice to their privileges and immunities as specified in bilateral or multilateral agreements concluded or acceded by the Contracting Parties or in the laws of the receiving state, it is the duty of the holders of diplomatic or official passports to respect, during their stay, the laws and regulations of the receiving state.

Article 5

Each Contracting Party reserves the right to shorten the duration of stay or to refuse to authorize the entry in its state of nationals of the other state it considers to be undesirable.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party may provisionally suspend the application of this Agreement wholly or partly for reasons of public order or security or public health. Any such suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channel. The same procedure shall be adopted when the suspension is lifted.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall convey to each other through diplomatic channel, the specimens of their diplomatic and official passports being used by each Contracting Party or the specimens of any new passports, at least thirty (30) days before this Agreement enters into force or before the passports' introduction.

Article 8

This Agreement shall enter into force on the 30th day from the date of its signature and shall remain in force until the 60th day after the date on which either Contracting Party notifies the other Contracting Party in writing of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE AT HÀ NỘI on this 15th day of December 1998, in duplicate in Vietnamese, Korean and English, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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