

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA**

**ON VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF
DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS**

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

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

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. Citizens of one Contracting Party, who are holders of valid diplomatic or official passports, shall be exempted from visa requirements for entry into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party at the border checkpoints designated for international travel.

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

Article 2

1. Citizens of the one Contracting Party, who are members of the diplomatic mission or consular post of their country accredited to the territory of the other Contracting Party, shall be exempted from visa requirements for entry into and exit from the territory of the other Contracting Party during the whole period of their assignment, provided that they are holders of diplomatic or official passports. They shall also be permitted to stay there during this period. Citizens of one Contracting Party who are the representatives of his/her country in the international organizations located in the territory of the other Contracting 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 or official 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 Contracting 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 Contracting Party has the right to refuse entry into or to shorten the duration of stay in its territory to any citizen of the other Contracting Party.

Article 5

If a citizen of one Contracting Party loses his/her valid diplomatic or official passport in the territory of the other Contracting 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 Contracting Party may, in whole or in part, suspend the implementation of this Agreement. In that case, the Contracting Party that decides on the suspension shall immediately notify to the other Contracting Party of such a decision through diplomatic channels.

Article 7

Through diplomatic channels, the Contracting Parties shall convey to each other specimens of diplomatic and official passports being used by each Contracting Party before the entry into force of this Agreement or the specimens of new diplomatic and official 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 Contracting Party gives to the other Contracting Party three-month notice in advance 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 Contracting Parties.

Done at Ha Noi on December 8th, 2017 in duplicate, each in Vietnamese and English languages. The Vietnamese and English texts are equally authentic.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
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