

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
ON VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC
OR SERVICE/OFFICIAL PASSPORTS**

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

Taking into consideration the general principles of international law and the friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries,

Desiring to strengthen their bilateral relations;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Holders of valid diplomatic or service/official passports of the Parties shall be exempted from visa requirements for entry into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Party.

The individuals mentioned above may enter or leave the territory of the other Party at all border checkpoints designated for international travel.

Article 2

The persons mentioned in Article 1 shall be permitted to stay in the territory of the other Party for a maximum period of three (03) months within any six (06) months period from the date of first entry.

Article 3

1. Holders of valid diplomatic or service/official passports of the one Party, who are accredited as members of the diplomatic mission, consular posts or representative missions to the international organizations located in the territory of the other Party, shall be exempt from visa requirements for entry into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Party for the

period of their assignments in accordance with the internal procedures of the other Party.

2. The visa exemption granted to persons referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall also apply to their spouse and children provided that they are holders of valid diplomatic or service/official passports.

This provision shall not apply to support staff in the household.

Article 4

Through diplomatic channels, the Parties will mutually exchange specimens of valid passports, referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement, within thirty (30) days from the date of signing of this Agreement.

Also through diplomatic channels, the Parties shall inform each other about the introduction of any new types and classifications of diplomatic or service/official passport, as well as about the changes in passports that are already in use, and shall exchange the relevant passport specimens at least thirty (30) days prior to their entry into use.

Article 5

The exemption from obligation to have visa, as provided for in this Agreement, shall not exempt the holders of diplomatic or service/official passports from the obligation to comply with applicable laws and regulations of each Party.

Article 6

This Agreement shall not limit the right of both Parties to refuse entry or to reduce the length of stay of persons who are considered persona non grata or persons who might pose a threat to public order, public health, or national security.

Article 7

Each Party may wholly or partially suspend the application of this Agreement for reasons of public order, public health or national security.

Through diplomatic channels, the Parties shall notify each other of any such measure and its termination, not later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the entry into force of such measure.

Article 8

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved by consultations through diplomatic channels.

Article 9

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30th) day from the day of the receipt of the second of the notifications whereby the Parties inform each other, via diplomatic channels, that the internal legal preconditions for entry into force of this Agreement have been fulfilled, and shall have unlimited duration.

2. Amendments to this Agreement may be made by mutual consent of the Parties by exchange of notes through diplomatic channels. These documents shall be considered as integral part of this Agreement.

3. Each Party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the other Party through diplomatic channels. In such case, the Agreement shall cease to have effect after the expiration of ninety (90) days of the day of receipt of the notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, have signed this Agreement.

Done at onin duplicate, each in Vietnamese, Macedonian and English languages, all text being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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



**Vu Hong Nam
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**



**Dragana Kiprijanovska
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs**