



VERBAL NOTE

No: 921-95-191/07

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and has the honour to propose the conclusion of the following Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Socialist republic of Vietnam on Visa exemption for holders of Diplomatic, Service and Official passports;

The two governments, hereinafter referred to as »the Contracting Parties«, desiring to strengthen their friendly relations and facilitate travel between the Republic of Slovenia and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, agree on the following arrangement.

For the purpose of this agreement:

- a) "diplomatic passport" refers to the diplomatic passport of the Republic of Slovenia and to the diplomatic passport of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;
- b) "service passport" refers only to the service passport of the Republic of Slovenia as designated on the document;
- c) "official passport" refers only to the official passport of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as designated on the document.

Nationals of the Contracting Parties holding valid diplomatic, service or official passports may enter the territory of the other Contracting Party and stay in it without a visa not more than three (3) months within six (6) months from the date of their first entry.

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Irrespective of the provision of previous Paragraph, nationals of the Contracting Parties holding diplomatic, service or official passports and forming part of diplomatic missions and consulates of one of the Contracting Party based in the territory of the other Contracting Party, and their family members forming part of their household and holding diplomatic, service or official passports may freely and without the obligation to acquire a visa stay in the territory until the end of their assignment subject to the completion of residence formalities at the competent authorities in the territory of the relevant Contracting Party.

Holders of valid diplomatic, service or official passports of the Contracting Parties may enter the territory of the other Contracting Party at all points of entry open to international passenger traffic provided that required formalities are met in accordance with applicable regulations of relevant authorities of the other Contracting Party.

This Agreement does not exempt nationals of the Contracting Parties from their obligation to abide by the laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party when entering its territory and staying in it.

Either Contracting Party shall reserve the right to deny the entry or to terminate the stay of any citizen of the other Contracting Party, holding valid diplomatic, service or official passports, considered as *persona non grata*.

This Agreement does not affect the applicable laws and/or regulations of the two countries relating to internal security and the entry, stay or movement of foreigners.

Either Contracting Party may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement wholly or partially for reasons of public order, national security or public health. Each Contracting Party shall immediately inform the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels of the introduction and withdrawal of such measures. These measures shall enter into force or cease to apply on the date of receipt of a notification to that effect.

The Contracting Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their diplomatic, service and official passports within thirty (30) days prior to the entry into force of this Agreement.



In the event of the introduction of new passports, the Contracting Party concerned shall provide the other Contracting Party with the new specimens and necessary information through diplomatic channels thirty (30) days prior to the introduction, if possible.

This Agreement may be amended or supplemented by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties through the exchange of diplomatic notes, whereas for its entry into force the provisions of this Agreement apply.

This Agreement shall enter into force on the sixtieth (60<sup>th</sup>) day from the date of receipt of the last written notification by which the Contracting Parties inform each other that the internal legal requirements for its entry into force have been fulfilled.

This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period of time; either Contracting Party may terminate it at any time by giving written notification to the other Contracting Party to that effect through diplomatic channels. The Agreement shall remain in force thirty (30) days after the receipt of the notification by the other Contracting Party.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Ministry has the honour to propose that this Note and the affirmative reply of the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam will constitute an Agreement between the two Governments on this matter.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia avails itself of this opportunity to extend to the esteemed Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Ljubljana, 13 October 2009

