

**Agreement
on
Mutual Exemption of Visas for
Holders of Diplomatic, Special and Service Passports
Between
The Government of the Sultanate of Oman
and
The Government of the Republic of Belarus**

The Government of the Sultanate of Oman and the Government of the Republic of Belarus, hereunder referred to as the "Parties";

Wishing to enhance bilateral relations between them;

Desiring to facilitate travel of citizens of their states, holders of diplomatic, special or service passports;

Have agreed as follows.

ARTICLE 1

Citizens of the state of one Party, holders of valid diplomatic, special or service passports, may enter into, stay in and exit from or transit through the territory of the state of the other Party without a visa for a maximum period of thirty (30) days renewable from the date of their entry.

ARTICLE 2

The persons mentioned in Article (1) of this Agreement may request the extension of their stay in the territory of the state of the other Party over the period established in Article (1) of this Agreement as long as they obtain the relevant permit of the competent authorities of the state of the other Party in accordance with applicable legislations of the state of this Party.

ARTICLE 3

1. Citizens of the state of either Party, holders of valid diplomatic, special or service passport, being members of the diplomatic or consular missions or international organizations located in the territory of the state of the other Party, shall be exempted from visa requirements for the entry and exit during the period of their tenure of office provided that they obtain a resident visa from the competent authority in the state of this Party upon arrival.
2. The exemption granted to the persons referred to in the paragraph (1) of this Article shall also apply to members of their families provided that they are holders of valid diplomatic, special, or service passports.

ARTICLE 4

Citizens of the state of either Party, holders of valid diplomatic, special or service passports, are permitted to enter into, stay in and exit from or transit through the territory of the state of the other Party from all border crossing points open to international traffic.

ARTICLE 5

Citizens of the state of either Party, holders of valid diplomatic, special or service passports, shall abide by the applicable laws and regulations in force during their stay in the territory of the state of the other Party.

ARTICLE 6

This Agreement shall not affect the right of the competent authorities of the state of either Party to refuse the entry, shorten or terminate the stay in its territory of the persons it may consider persona non-grata.

ARTICLE 7

In the case of loss or damage of a diplomatic, special, or service passport by a citizen of the state of one Party in the territory of the state of the other Party, the diplomatic or consular mission of the state of the Party of holder of the lost or damaged passport shall provide documents to enable him to return to the territory of the state of this Party. At the same time, the diplomatic or consular mission shall inform the other Party of the incident through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 8

1. The Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their passports, along with a detailed description of such documents currently used, at least thirty (30) days before the entry into force of this Agreement.
2. Each Party shall notify the other, through diplomatic channels, of changes to the specimens exchanged or the introduction of new passports and must provide a detailed description of such documents, at least thirty (30) days before they are brought into force.

ARTICLE 9

1. Each of the Parties may suspend, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this Agreement for reasons related to national security, public order or the protection of public health. Each Party shall notify the other, in writing through diplomatic channels, of its decision to suspend or resume the implementation of this Agreement, at least seven (7) days before the decision is brought into force.
2. The temporary suspension of this Agreement shall not affect the legal status of the citizens of a Party who are in the territory of the state of the other Party according to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 10

1. This Agreement may be supplemented or amended by mutual consent of both Parties through diplomatic notes.
2. Disputes arising through the implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved via consultations through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 11

This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the date of receiving the last written notification of fulfillment of the necessary legal procedures by both Parties.

ARTICLE 12

This Agreement shall remain in force indefinitely unless either Party notifies the other of its desire – in writing through diplomatic channels – to terminate it at least three months before the date of termination.

ARTICLE 13

This Agreement shall not prejudice obligations arising out of other international agreements of the states of the parties.

Done in Muscat on this 16th day of April in the year 2012 in two originals, each in Arabic, Russian and English, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For

the Government Of
the Sultanate of Oman

For

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