

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE SULTANATE OF OMAN AND THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC  
ON THE MUTUAL EXEMPTION OF VISAS  
FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC, SPECIAL OR SERVICE  
PASSPORTS**

The Sultanate of Oman and the Portuguese Republic, hereinafter referred to as “Parties”,  
Wishing to reinforce the relations of friendship and co-operation between both States;  
Wishing to facilitate the movement of their nationals holding diplomatic, special or  
service passports,  
Agree as follows:

**Article 1**

**Object**

This Agreement shall set forth the legal framework for the suppression of visas for  
holders of diplomatic, special or service passports of the Parties.

**Article 2**

**Definitions**

For the purposes of this Agreement:

- a) “Valid passport” shall mean the diplomatic, special or service passport that, at the  
time of exit from the national territory of one of the Parties, has at least a three-  
month (3) validity;
- b) “Family member” shall mean the spouse as well as the dependent descendants and  
ascendants.

### **Article 3**

#### **Short term stay**

1. The nationals of the Sultanate of Oman holding a valid diplomatic, special or service passports may enter and stay in the territory of the Portuguese Republic without visa for a maximum period of ninety (90) days during any six-months (6) period from the date of first entry at the external border establishing the area of free movement created by the States which are Party to the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement of 14 June 1985, adopted on 19 June 1990.
2. The nationals of the Portuguese Republic holding a valid diplomatic or special passports may enter and stay in the territory of the Sultanate of Oman without visa for a maximum period of ninety (90) days during any six-month (6) period from the date of first entry.

### **Article 4**

#### **Entry and stay**

1. The nationals of the Sultanate of Oman holding a valid diplomatic, special or service passports, who are appointed to an Omani diplomatic mission or consular post in the Portuguese Republic or to international organizations in the Portuguese Republic, as well as their family members, may enter or stay in the territory of the Portuguese Republic without a visa for the period of their mission.
2. The nationals of the Portuguese Republic holding a valid diplomatic or special passports, who are appointed to a Portuguese diplomatic mission or consular post in the Sultanate of Oman or to international organizations in the Sultanate of Oman, as well as their family members, may enter or stay in the territory of the Sultanate of Oman without a visa for the period of their mission.
3. For the purposes of the previous paragraphs, each Party shall inform the other Party, in writing and through the diplomatic channels, of the arrival of the holders of diplomatic, special or service passports appointed to a diplomatic mission, consular post or to international organizations in the territory of the Parties, as well as of their family members accompanying them, prior to the date of their entry to the territory of the other Party.

## **Article 5**

### **Compliance with the law of the Parties**

1. The visa exemption shall not relieve a person from the obligation to comply with the law of the Parties on the entry into, stay in and exit from the territory of destination of the holders of passports in accordance with the conditions set out in this Agreement.
2. This Agreement does not exclude the right of the competent authorities of each Party to refuse entry or stay of citizens of the other Party in accordance with the applicable law.

## **Article 6**

### **Information on passports**

1. The Parties shall exchange specimens of the diplomatic, special or service passports in current use within a maximum of thirty (30) days after the date of the entry into force in accordance with Article 11 of this Agreement
2. Where either Party submits new passports or modifies those previously exchanged, it shall inform the other Party through the transmission of the specimen of the new or modified passport within a maximum of thirty (30) days after the date it begins to be used.
3. Each Party shall notify the other Party of any changes to its national legislation relevant to diplomatic, special or service passports within a maximum of thirty (30) days after the date of their entry into force.

## **Article 7**

### **Settlement of disputes**

Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled through negotiation, through the diplomatic channels.

## **Article 8**

### **Suspension**

1. Either Party may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement, wholly or partially, on grounds of public order, public health and national security, or in the case of material breach of this Agreement.
2. The suspension of this Agreement and its termination shall be immediately notified in writing through the diplomatic channels to the other Party.

## **Article 9**

### **Amendments**

1. This Agreement may be amended by request of one of the Parties.
2. The amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the terms specified in Article 11 of this Agreement.

## **Article 10**

### **Duration and termination**

1. This Agreement shall remain in force for an unlimited period of time.
2. Either Party may, at any time, terminate this Agreement upon a prior notification in writing through diplomatic channels.
3. This Agreement shall terminate three (3) months after the receipt of such notification.

## **Article 11**

### **Entry into Force**

This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the date of receipt of the latter notification between the Parties, in writing through diplomatic channels, conveying the completion of the internal procedures of each Party required for that purpose.

**Article 12**  
**Registration**

Upon the entry into force of this Agreement, the Party in whose territory it is signed shall transmit it to the Secretariat of the United Nations for registration, in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, and shall notify the other Party of the completion of this procedure as well as of its registration number.

Done at Muscat ,on the 15//12/ 2012, in two originals, in the Arabic, Portuguese and English languages, all texts being authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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