

AGREEMENT

**BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
ON THE MUTUAL WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR
HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC, OFFICIAL, SPECIAL AND SERVICE
PASSPORTS**

The Government of the Sultanate of Oman and the Government of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”),

Guided by the common desire to further develop the friendly relations between the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Korea;

Wishing to simplify the procedures of travel for holders of diplomatic, official, special and service passports between the two States;

Have agreed as follows:

Article (1)

The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to holders of any of the following passports:

- a - For the Government of the Sultanate of Oman, valid diplomatic, special and service passports; and
- b - For the Government of the Republic of Korea, valid diplomatic and official passports.

Article (2)

- 1 - Nationals of the States of each Party holding any of the passports referred to in Article (1) of this Agreement shall be exempted from the requirements to obtain a visa to enter, stay, leave or transit through the territory of the other Party.

- 2 - The persons referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article may stay in the territory of the other Party without a visa for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days from their date of entry.
- 3 - The competent authorities of a Party may extend the period of stay of persons referred to in the previous paragraphs of this Article, who intend to stay for longer than ninety (90) days in the territory of the Party of these competent authorities, upon a written request from the diplomatic mission or consular post of that other Party prior to the expiry of the ninety (90) day period.

Article (3)

- 1 - Nationals of the State of each Party who are assigned to that Party's diplomatic mission or consular post in the territory of the other Party and who hold any of the passports referred to in Article (1) of this Agreement, shall be exempted from the requirements to obtain a visa to enter, stay, leave, or transit through the territory of the other Party for the period of their official stay.
- 2 - The exemption from the visa requirements mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Article shall also apply to the spouse, parents and children accompanying the persons referred to in Paragraph (1) of this Article, provided that they hold any of the passports referred to in Article (1) of this Agreement.

Article (4)

- 1 - The persons to whom this Agreement applies shall comply with the laws and regulations governing the procedures for the entry, leave, stay and transit of foreign nationals in force in the territory of the other Party.
- 2 - The persons benefiting from the exemption referred to in Article (2) of this Agreement shall not carry out any for-profit activity in the territory of the other party.

Article (5)

- 1 - Each Party reserves the right to refuse entry, or reduce or terminate the period of stay in its territory to the holders of any of the passports referred to in Article (1) of this Agreement whom it may consider undesirable. Such refusal shall be notified in writing without delay to the other Party through diplomatic channels.
- 2 - Each Party reserves the right to temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement, entirely or partially, for reasons of national security, public order, or public health.
- 3 - The Party which wishes to suspend the application of this Agreement shall notify the other Party, through diplomatic channels, no later than forty eight (48) hours before the suspensions and specify the reasons for such suspensions, and shall also notify the other Party at least forty eight (48) hours before the lifting thereof.
- 4 - The suspension of the application of this Agreement shall not affect the rights of the persons mentioned in Articles (2) and (3) of this Agreement who are already staying in the territory of the other Party.

Article (6)

In case of loss, theft, damage, or invalidity of any of the passports referred to in Article (1) of this Agreement in the territory of the other Party, the diplomatic or consular mission of the Party, which the holder of the passport belongs to, shall provide the documents that enable the holder to return to the territory of the Party of such mission. The diplomatic or consular mission shall promptly notify the other Party of the incident through diplomatic channels.

Article (7)

- 1 - The Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, specimens of the passports referred to in Article (1) of this Agreement before the entry into force of this Agreement.
- 2 - The Parties shall inform each other through diplomatic channels of any changes to the passports referred to in Article (1) of this Agreement, no later than thirty (30) days before the entry into force of the changes.

Article (8)

Any disagreements or disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled through negotiations and consultations between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

Article (9)

The Parties on the basis of mutual consent may make additions and amendments to this Agreement, which shall become effective in accordance with the procedures set out in Article (10) of this Agreement.

Article (10)

- 1 - The Parties shall notify each other in writing through diplomatic channels of the completion of their respective internal procedures required for the entry into force of this Agreement. The Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the date of receipt of the last notification and shall remain in force for an indefinite period of time.
- 2 - Either Party may terminate this Agreement by written notification through diplomatic channels. The termination shall become effective ninety (90) days after the date of the receipt of such notification by the other Party.

Article (11)

This Agreement shall not affect the obligations of the Parties arising under international agreements, in particular obligations arising from the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done in duplicate at Seoul on 24 December 2014, in the Arabic, Korean and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR

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FOR

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