

Agreement

**Between the Government of the Sultanate of Oman
and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus
on the exemption of visa requirement for holders of
diplomatic, special and service passports**

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

Desirous of promoting their bilateral relations;

Considering the interest in strengthening the existing friendly relationship;
and

Seeking to facilitate the travel of nationals of both countries;

Have agreed as follows:

Article (1)

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

- 1 - Valid diplomatic, special and service passports of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman; and
- 2 - Valid diplomatic and service passports of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus.

Article (2)

- 1 - Nationals of the Parties holding any of the passports referred to in Article (1) may enter the territory of the other Party without a visa and stay for a period of up to ninety (90) days from the date of entry.
- 2- Nationals of the Parties assigned to work at the diplomatic, commercial and consular missions or international organizations in the territory of the other Party, holding any of the passports referred to in Article (1), may enter the territory of the other Party and stay without a visa for the duration of their mission.

3-The family members of the persons referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article residing with them and holding any of the passports referred to in Article (1) may enter the territory of the other Party and stay without a visa for the duration of the mission of these persons.

Article (3)

Nationals of the Parties holding any of the passports referred to in Article (1) may enter into, exit from, or transit through the territory of the other Party at all border crossing points designated by their governments open to international passenger traffic.

Article (4)

This Agreement shall not affect the nationals of either Party, referred to Article (2), from the obligation to comply with the laws and regulations in force in the territory of the state of the other Party during their period of stay.

Article (5)

This Agreement shall not affect the right of the competent authorities of either Party to refuse entry into, shorten or terminate the period of stay of any nationals of the other Party.

Article (6)

- 1- Each Party reserves the right to suspend the application of this Agreement, entirely or partially, on grounds of national security, public order, or public health, provided that the other Party be notified about the suspension through diplomatic channels no later than seventy two (72) hours before the beginning of the suspension. The Parties shall notify immediately each other, through diplomatic channels, as soon as the reasons that led to the suspension cease to exist.
- 2- The suspension of the application of this Agreement shall not affect the rights of nationals staying in the territory of the other Party referred to in Article (2).

Article (7)

In the case of loss, damage or expiry of any of the passports referred to in Article (1) in the territory of the other Party, the diplomatic or consular mission, to which the holder of the lost, damaged or expired passport belongs to, shall provide the documents that enable the holder to return to the territory of the Party to which is national. The diplomatic or consular mission shall notify the other Party of the incident without delay through diplomatic channels.

Article (8)

- 1- The Parties shall exchange samples of the passports referred to in Article (1) through diplomatic channels no later than thirty (30) days before the entry of this Agreement into force.
- 2- In the case of the introduction of a new passport or the modification of the existing one, the Parties shall convey to each other through diplomatic channels samples of these passports no later than thirty (30) days before the entry of the new passports or modifications into force.

Article (9)

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties by additional protocols or exchanges of diplomatic notes, which shall be considered as integral parts of this Agreement and shall enter into force following the same procedure specified in paragraph (1) of Article (11).

Article (10)

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

Article (11)

- 1- This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of the last written notification, through diplomatic channels, which states that the Parties have completed their required procedures.
- 2- This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years, which is automatically renewed for similar periods unless either Party notifies the other in writing about its intention to terminate this Agreement. The Agreement shall cease to be effective after six (6) months from the date of the notification.

Article (12)

This Agreement shall not affect other 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, and in the case of the Republic of Cyprus obligations arising under the Acquis Communautaire.

This Agreement was signed in the city of Muscat, on Sunday this eighteenth date of month of December of the year 2016, in two original copies in the Arabic, Greek and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail

**For the Government of
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