## AGREEMENT

# BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GEORGIA ON THE EXEMPTION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC, SPECIAL OR SERVICE PASSPORTS

The Government of the Sultanate of Oman, and the Government of Georgia, herein after referred to as the "Parties";

Desiring to strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries,

Recognizing the need to facilitate the travel of their nationals, holders of diplomatic, special or service passports,

Have agreed to the following:

# Article 1

The provisions of this Agreement apply to nationals of either party that hold any of the following passports:

- 1. Valid diplomatic, special or service passports of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman.
- 2. Valid diplomatic or service passports of the Government of Georgia.

## Article 2

Nationals of the State of either Party, holders of any of the passports mentioned in Article 1, may enter, stay, exit, and transit through the State territory of the other Party without visa requirements for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days in any one hundred and eighty (180) days period.

Nationals of the State of either Party, holders of any of the passports mentioned in Article 1, must not undertake any paid activity that requires a work permit during their stay in the State territory of the other Party.

#### Article 4

Nationals of the State of either Party, holders of any of the passports mentioned in Article 1, shall abide by the laws and regulations in force during their stay in the State territory of the other Party.

#### Article 5

Nationals of the State of either Party, holders of any of the passports mentioned in Article 1, shall enter, stay, exit, and transit through the State territory of the other Party through the assigned border-crossing points open to the international traffic in accordance with the regulations of the other Party.

## Article 6

- Nationals of the State of either Party, holding valid diplomatic, special or service passports, who are assigned to work in a diplomatic mission, consular post or international organization located in the State territory of the other Party, shall be required to obtain a visa for their first entry into the territory of the State of the other Party.
- 2. The provisions of the Paragraph 1 of this Article shall apply to the family members, as well as to the dependent persons of the mentioned persons, who are holders of valid diplomatic, special or service passports.
- 3. The persons mentioned in Paragraphs (1) and (2) are required to obtain the relevant accreditation within thirty (30) days from their date of entry.
- 4. Each Party shall issue appropriate accreditation to the persons mentioned in Paragraphs (1) and (2) within thirty (30) days from their date of entry.

This Agreement does not affect the right of the competent authorities of either Party to refuse entry of the nationals of the State of other Party, holders of any of the passports mentioned in Article 1, into their respective State territories, reduce their period of stay or terminate it, where the nationals in question are considered non grata or where they may present a risk to the State security, public order or public health, or where their presence within the respective State territory is illegal.

## Article 8

- In the case of loss, theft, damage or invalidity of any of the passports mentioned in Article 1 by a national of the State of either Party in the State territory of the other Party, the Diplomatic Mission or consular Post, to which the holder of the passport in question belongs to, shall provide him with the documents that enable him to return to the State territory of the Party to which he is national of.
- 2. The aforementioned diplomatic Mission or consular Post shall promptly notify the competent authorities of the other Party of such incidents through diplomatic channels.

## Article 9

- 1. The Parties shall exchange specimens of the passports mentioned in Article 1, through diplomatic channels, within thirty (30) days from the date of signature of this Agreement.
- 2. In the case of any changes in the passports mentioned in paragraph 1 of either Party, the Party, whose passports have been changed, shall provide specimens of the changed passports to the other Party, through diplomatic channels, thirty (30) days prior to the entry of these changes into force.

#### Article 10

Amendments and additions to this Agreement may be made by mutual agreement of the Parties which shall be formed as a separate document and shall inter into force according to paragraph (1) of Article 15 of this Agreement. The documents formed thereby shall represent an integral part of this Agreement.

This Agreement does not prejudice obligations arising out of any bilateral agreements concluded between both Parties.

#### Article 12

- 1- The Parties shall implement this Agreement in accordance with the internal legislation in force in both countries.
- 2- If internal legislation of the Parties establishes better conditions than those established by this Agreement, the internal legislation shall apply.

#### Article 13

The Parties shall amicably settle any disputes arising out of the implementation or interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement by consultations and /or negotiations through diplomatic channels.

#### Article 14

- Either Party may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement, completely or partially, for reasons relating to state security, public order or public health, or if it is evident that there is an abuse of the rights provided under this Agreement.
- 2. The Party, who wishes to suspend the application of this Agreement, shall notify the other Party of the suspension and specify the reasons thereof in writing, through diplomatic channels, at least seven (7) days before the entry of this suspension into force, and shall also inform the other Party of the end of this suspension in writing, through diplomatic channels, at least seven (7) days before the end of this suspension.
- 3. The suspension of the application of this Agreement does not affect the legal status of the nationals of the State of either Party, holders of any of the passports mentioned in Article 1, that are located in the State territory of the other Party.

- 1. This Agreement shall enter into force after thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of the last written notification of the completion of all internal procedures necessary by the Parties for the entry into force of the Agreement.
- 2. This Agreement shall be effective for an indefinite period of time. Either Party may, at any time, terminate this Agreement by sending written notification to other Party through diplomatic channels, and this Agreement shall be terminated thirty (30) after the receipt of such notification by the other Party.

This Agreement is signed in Muscat, on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 in two originals in the Arabic, Georgian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic, and in the case of discrepancy, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the Sultanate of Oman

For the Government of Georgia