AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA ON THE MUTUAL EXEMPTION OF VISAS FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC. SPECIAL AND SERVICE PASSPORTS

The Government of the Sultanate of Oman and the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania (hereinafter referring as "Parties")

Desiring to promote their bilateral relations,

Wishing to facilitate the travel of their nationals, holders of diplomatic, special and service passports,

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.
- 2. Valid Diplomatic and Service passports of the Republic of Albania.

Article 2

- Nationals of either Party, holders of any of the passports referred to in Article (1) of this Agreement, shall enter in the territory of the other Party without visa and stay for a maximum period of (90) ninety days within (180) one hundred and eighty days from the day of entry.
- 2. Nationals of either Party, referred to in the preceding paragraph, who intend to stay for a period longer than (90) ninety days in the territory of the other Party, shall go through the necessary procedures for a visa request from the competent authorities of the other Party prior to the expiration of the (90) ninety-day period.

Article 3

- Nationals of either Party, holders of any of the passports referred to in Article (1) of this Agreement, employed with diplomatic and consular missions and international organizations having their seat in the territory of the other Party, have the right to enter in the territory of the country of other Party without visa.
- The exemption referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall apply also to members of their families residing with them in the same household, holders of any of the passports referred to in Article (1) of this Agreement.

Article 4

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

Article 5

Nationals of either Party, holders of any of the passports referred to in Article (1) of this Agreement, shall enter, stay, leave and transit through the territory of the other Party at any border crossing designated for international traffic.

Article 6

- Nationals of either Party, holders of any of the passports referred to in Article (1) of this Agreement shall abide by the laws and other regulations of the other Party during the stay in the territory of that Party.
- 2. This Agreement shall not restrict the right of the Parties to refuse entry or cancel stay to a national of other Party whom it may consider a persona non grata.

Article 7

- With a view to protecting national security, public peace and order and health of their nationals, the Parties shall have the right to suspend the application of this Agreement in part or in full.
- The Parties shall immediately inform each other of the decision to suspend this Agreement in part or in full or to re-enter it into force through diplomatic channels.

Article 8

- The Parties shall exchange specimens of their passports referred to in Article (1) of this Agreement within (30) thirty days of the entry into force of this Agreement through diplomatic channels.
- The Party shall inform each other of the change of these specimens (60) sixty days before the change takes effect.
- The Parties shall exchange specimens of new or changed passports referred to in Article (1) of this Agreement including data as to their use at least (30) thirty days before the specimens are introduced.

Article 9

Disputes that may arise in connection with the implementation and interpretation of the Agreement shall be settled through diplomatic channels.

Article 10

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties by additional Protocols or exchanges of diplomatic notes, which are to be considered as integral parts of this Agreement.

Article 11

This Agreement is being concluded for an indefinite time. Each Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by serving written notes to the other Party through diplomatic channels. The termination shall apply after thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of such notice from the other party.

Article 12

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

Article 13

This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the receipt of the last written notification, through diplomatic channels, by which the Parties inform each other on the fulfillment of the relevant internal procedures.

Done at Rysch... on this day of 31/3/2011 in two originals, each in the Arabic, Albanian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of discrepancy in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For

the Government of the Sultanate of Oman For

the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania