

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC
ON THE EXEMPTION FROM VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS
OF
DIPLOMATIC, SERVICE AND SPECIAL PASSPORTS**

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

Desiring to strengthen their cooperation and friendly relations and to facilitate the travel of their nationals, holding valid diplomatic, service and special passports,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. The Sultanate of Oman shall exempt nationals of the Hellenic Republic holding valid Greek diplomatic and service passports, from visa requirements to enter, transit through, stay in and leave the territory of the Sultanate of Oman, for a period not exceeding (90) ninety days in any (180) one hundred and eighty day period.
2. The Hellenic Republic shall exempt nationals of the Sultanate of Oman holding valid Omani diplomatic, service and special passports, from visa requirements to enter, transit through, stay in and leave the territory of the Hellenic Republic, for a period not exceeding (90) ninety days in any (180) one hundred and eighty day period.
3. The persons benefiting from the exemption granted under paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article must not engage in any paid activities whose exercise requires a work permit under the national laws of the Party granting the exemption.

Article 2

1. This Agreement does not exempt nationals of either Party, holders of valid diplomatic, service and special passports, who are appointed to the diplomatic mission or consular posts of that Party to the territory of the State of the other Party or are representatives of that Party to international organizations having their seat in the territory of the State of the other Party from the applicable visa requirements for accreditation prior to their arrival at the territory of the State of the receiving Party.
2. This Agreement does not exempt the family members of the persons mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article who form part of their household and are holders of valid diplomatic, service and special passports, from the applicable visa requirements prior to their arrival at the territory of the State of the receiving Party.

Article 3

The individuals referred to in Articles 1 and 2 must enter into, transit through and exit from the territory of the State of the receiving Party through border-crossing points open to the international passenger traffic.

Article 4

1. This Agreement shall not affect the right of the competent authorities of either Party to refuse entry or prohibit the stay of the holders of the passports mentioned in Article 1 of this Agreement who are declared undesirable or who fail to meet the conditions in force for entry and residence in the territory of the State of either Party.
2. A Party, which has taken any of the measures referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article of this Agreement, shall without delay notify in writing the other Party through diplomatic channels.

Article 5

1. The Parties shall exchange specimens of the passports referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement, through diplomatic channels within (30) thirty days from the date of receipt of the last written notification by which a Party informs the other, through diplomatic channels, about the completion of its relevant internal procedures in accordance with Article 10.
2. If a Party modifies the passports referred to in Article 1, it shall provide the other Party, without delay, through diplomatic channels, with specimens of these passports. The Parties shall apply the standards for machine-readable biometric travel documents recommended by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).
3. The Parties shall notify each other without delay of any changes in their national legislation regarding the issuance of diplomatic, service and special passports.
4. In the case of loss, theft, damage or invalidation of diplomatic, service and special passports, the Parties shall notify each other without delay, through diplomatic channels.

Article 6

1. Either Party may suspend, either completely or in part, the implementation of this Agreement for reasons relating to national security, public order or public health.
2. The other Party shall be notified in writing of the suspension of the implementation of this Agreement through diplomatic channels, no later than (7) seven calendar days prior to the entry into effect of such measure.

3. The suspension of the implementation of this Agreement shall not affect the rights of nationals of either Party mentioned in Articles 1 and 2 of this Agreement who are already present in the territory of the State of the other Party
4. The Party that has suspended the implementation of this Agreement shall notify the other Party in writing, through diplomatic channels, of the revocation of the suspension of the implementation of the Agreement no later than (72) seventy-two hours prior to the entry into effect of such measure.

Article 7

This Agreement shall not affect the obligations of the individuals referred to in Articles 1 and 2 to respect the laws of the receiving Party.

Article 8

Any differences regarding the interpretation or the application of this Agreement shall be settled between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

Article 9

The Parties may amend the provisions of this Agreement by mutual consent in writing. Any amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure provided in Article 10 for the entry into force of the Agreement.

Article 10

This Agreement shall enter into force (30) thirty days from the date of receipt of the last written notification, through diplomatic channels, by which one Party informs the other Party of the completion of its relevant internal procedures and it shall remain in force for an indefinite period of time, unless terminated by either Party by written notification to the other Party through diplomatic channels. Termination shall take effect (3) three months after the date of such written notification.

This Agreement is signed in Muscat on 20th of October 2021, in (2) two originals, each in the Arabic, Greek and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in the interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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