

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA
ON MUTUAL VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF
DIPLOMATIC, SPECIAL,
SERVICE AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS**

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

Desiring to strengthen the friendly relations between both countries,

Led by the common desire to facilitate travel of their nationals, holders of valid diplomatic, special, service and official passports in the territory of the other Party,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

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

- (a) Valid diplomatic, special and service passports of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman.
- (b) Valid diplomatic and official passports of the Government of the Republic of Colombia.

Article 2

1. Nationals of either Party, holders of any of the passports mentioned in Article 1, may enter into, transit through, exit and stay in the territory of the other Party for a period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days during any period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days without a visa requirement.
2. If the nationals of either Party referred to in paragraph 1 wish to extend their stay in the territory of the other Party for a period longer than that specified in the same paragraph, they must request an extension from the competent authorities of the other Party prior to the expiry of the specified period in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

Article 3

Nationals 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 territory of the other Party.

Article 4

Nationals 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 territory of the other Party.

Article 5

The passports mentioned in Article 1 shall be valid for a period of at least 6 (six) months on the entry of their holders into the territory of the other Party.

Article 6

Nationals of either Party, holders of any of the passports mentioned in Article 1, shall enter into, transit through, and exit from the territory of the other Party through the border-crossing points assigned for this purpose by the competent immigration authorities and without any restriction, except for entry restrictions relating to security, immigration, customs, and health, or any other provisions legally applicable to the holders of these passports.

Article 7

1. Nationals of either Party, holders of any of the passports mentioned in Article 1, who are appointed to a diplomatic or consular mission or international organizations in the territory of the other Party, are exempt from the requirement of obtaining a visa prior to their entry into the territory of the other Party.
2. The treatment referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall also extend to members of the families of the aforesaid nationals, provided that they are holders of any of the passports mentioned in Article 1.
3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the other Party shall accredit the nationals referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article within 30 (thirty) days from their entry into the territory of the other Party, upon which they will be granted their respective visas in accordance with the applicable regulations of the other Party.

Article 8

1. This Agreement does not affect the right of the competent authorities of either Party to refuse entry of the nationals of the of other Party, holders of any of the passports mentioned in Article 1, into their respective territories, reduce their period of stay or terminate it, where the nationals in question may present a risk to the national security, public order, or public health, or where their presence within the respective territory is irregular.
2. Where a national of other Party has been affected by the provisions of this Article, the Party responsible for the action referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article must notify the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels without delay.

Article 9

1. In the case of loss, theft, damage or invalidity of any of the passports mentioned in Article 1 of the nationals of either Party in the territory of the other Party, the diplomatic or consular mission, to which the holder of the passport in question belongs to, shall provide them with the documents that enable them to return to the territory of the Party to which they are a national of.
2. The diplomatic or consular mission referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall promptly notify the competent authorities of the other Party of such incidents through diplomatic channels.

Article 10

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

Article 11

The Parties may amend the provisions of this Agreement by mutual consent in writing through diplomatic channels. Any amendment shall enter into force in accordance with the provisions of Article 16.

Article 12

This Agreement does not prejudice any obligations of the Parties arising out of international agreements, or any bilateral agreements concluded between the two countries.

Article 13

The Parties shall implement this Agreement in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in both countries.

Article 14

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

Article 15

1. Either Party may suspend the application of this Agreement, completely or partially, for reasons relating to national security, public order or public health, or in case of violation of the provisions of 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 7 (seven) 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 7 (seven) 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 either Party, holders of any of the passports mentioned in Article 1, who have already entered into the territory of the other Party.

Article 16

This Agreement shall enter into force 30 (thirty) days after the receipt of the last written notification, through diplomatic channels, by which the Parties inform each other of the completion of the internal procedures required for its entry into force, and shall be valid for an indefinite period of time.

Article 17

Either Party may terminate this agreement at any time by notifying the other Party in writing, through diplomatic channels, of its decision to terminate the Agreement at least 90 (ninety) days before the application of this termination.

This Agreement is signed in Muscat on Tuesday, 25th of January 2022 in 2 (two) originals, each in the Arabic, Spanish, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of discrepancy in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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