

**AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA**  
**ON MUTUAL VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF**  
**ORDINARY PASSPORTS**

The Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Serbia (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties");

With a view to further promoting the friendly relations between their countries and facilitating exchange of visits by their citizens;

Having conducted friendly consultations on mutual visa exemption for holders of ordinary passports on the basis of equality and reciprocity;

HAVE agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

Citizens of the People's Republic of China holding valid ordinary passports of the People's Republic of China, and citizens of the Republic of Serbia holding valid ordinary passports of the Republic of Serbia, shall



be exempted from visa requirements for entry into, exit from or transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party, for a period of stay not exceeding thirty (30) days from the date of their entry.

## ARTICLE 2

Citizens of either Contracting Party referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement shall enter into, exit from or transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party through ports open to international travellers and shall adhere to the necessary formalities in accordance with the relevant regulations of the latter's competent authorities.

## ARTICLE 3

1. Citizens of either Contracting Party shall abide by the laws and regulations in force in the territory of the other Contracting Party during their stay in its territory, unless otherwise provided in the international treaties to which both countries are contracting parties.

2. Citizens of either Contracting Party referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement who intend to enter and stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period of more than thirty (30) days or to study, reside, engage in employment, media activities or other activities which shall be approved in advance by the other Contracting Party's competent



authorities, shall apply for the visa before entering the territory of the other Contracting Party.

#### ARTICLE 4

This Agreement does not restrict the right of either Contracting Party to prohibit persons considered persona non grata or unacceptable citizens of the other Contracting Party from entering its territory or terminate their stay in its territory without citing reasons therefor.

#### ARTICLE 5

Either Contracting Party may temporarily suspend this Agreement partially or wholly on grounds of national security, public order or public health. However, it shall notify the other Contracting Party, in writing in advance through diplomatic channels of its intention to suspend the Agreement and subsequently to cancel the suspension.

#### ARTICLE 6

1. The Contracting Parties shall complete, through diplomatic channels, the exchange of samples of their ordinary passports referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement within thirty (30) days from the date of



signing of this Agreement.

2. During the period of validity of this Agreement, either Contracting Party shall inform the other Contracting Party, through diplomatic channels, thirty (30) days before its introduction, of any change to the format of the ordinary passports and furnish the latter with samples of new ordinary passports.

## ARTICLE 7

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30) day following the date of the latter's written notification by the Contracting Parties, through diplomatic channels, indicating that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force indefinitely. If either Contracting Party wishes to terminate this Agreement, it shall notify the other Contracting Party in writing through diplomatic channels, and this Agreement shall cease to be effective on the ninetieth (90) day following the date of notification.

3. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of the Contracting Parties.

Done in duplicate in *Riga* on *5th November, 2016*, in the Chinese, Serbian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.



In case of discrepancy in its interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the  
People's Republic of China

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For the Government of the  
Republic of Serbia

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