

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE’S DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA
ON MUTUAL VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF
DIPLOMATIC AND SERVICE PASSPORTS

The Government of the People’s Republic of China and the Government of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria (hereinafter referred to as the “Contracting Parties”),

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

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

HAVE agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Nationals of either Contracting Party holding valid diplomatic or service passports, not accredited in the territory of their respective countries, may enter into, transit through, stay in and exit from the territory of the other Party, without visa, within a period not exceeding ninety (90) days from the date of their arrival, during a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days.

ARTICLE 2

The Competent authorities of one Contracting Party in accordance with their laws and regulations may extend the duration period of stay of nationals of the State of the other Contracting Party, holding diplomatic and service passports, for more than ninety (90) days.

ARTICLE 3

Nationals of either Contracting Party referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement (excluding the citizens referred to in Article 4), who intend to engage in work, study, reside, news reports 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

Members of diplomatic mission, consular post or international organizations holding the passports referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement, as well as their family members holding diplomatic, service passports, shall be exempted from visa requirements for entry into, exit from, transit through or stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for the duration of their accreditation, provided they have complied with the accreditation requirements of the other Contracting Party within thirty (30) days after their arrival.

ARTICLE 5

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 foreigners and shall adhere to the necessary formalities in accordance with the relevant regulations of the latter's competent authorities.

ARTICLE 6

Citizens of either Contracting Party shall abide by the laws and regulations in force in the other Party during their stay in its territory.

ARTICLE 7

Officials at or above vice ministerial level of the central government and officers of or above the rank of major general of the armed forces of either Contracting Party shall obtain the prior consent of the other Contracting Party or inform the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels before their travel to the latter's territory for official purposes.

ARTICLE 8

This Agreement does not restrict the right of either Contracting Party to prohibit 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 therefore.

ARTICLE 9

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, of its intention to suspend the Agreement and subsequently to cancel the suspension through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 10

1. The Contracting Parties shall complete, through diplomatic channels, the exchange of samples of their 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 passports and furnish the latter with samples of new passports.

ARTICLE 11

1. Any dispute between the Contracting Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiations between the Contracting Parties.

2. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent in writing between the Contracting Parties. The amendments shall become effective in accordance with the procedures referred to in Article 12 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 12

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. Hereby confirm that the Agreement is to be signed by the representatives designated by both Governments.

Done in duplicate in *Beijing* on *11th July 2018* in the Chinese, Arabic and English languages. All texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in the interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the
People's Republic of China

For the Government of the
People's Democratic Republic of Algeria