

AGREEMENT
ON
MUTUAL VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF
DIPLOMATIC AND SERVICE PASSPORTS
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

The Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"),

With a view to furthering friendly relations between their countries ;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Citizens of the People's Republic of China holding valid

diplomatic Passports, Service Passports and Passports for public affairs of the People's Republic of China and citizens of the Republic of Rwanda holding valid diplomatic passports and service passports of the Republic of Rwanda shall be exempted from visa requirement for entry into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party, for a period of stay not exceeding ninety (90) days from the date of their entry.

ARTICLE 2

Citizens of either Contracting Party holding travel documents mentioned in Article I of this Agreement, who are assigned as members of diplomatic or consular mission in the territory of the other Contracting Party, as well as members of their families, shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter 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 Party within thirty (30) days after their arrival.

ARTICLE 3

Citizens of either Contracting Party referred to in Article I of this Agreement who intend to enter and stay in the territory of the other

Contracting Party for a period of more than ninety (90) 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

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

ARTICLE 5

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 6

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 7

This Agreement does not restrict the right of either Contracting Party to deny entry of undesirable or unacceptable citizens of the other Party, to shorten or terminate their stay in its territory without citing reasons thereof.

ARTICLE 8

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 9

1.The Contracting Parties shall, through diplomatic channels, exchange 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, the Contracting Parties shall inform each other through diplomatic channels, thirty (30) days before its introduction, of any change to the format of their passports and furnish each other with samples of their new passports.

ARTICLE 10

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. Either Party may, at any time, give notice of its intention to terminate this agreement. Such notice shall be done through diplomatic channels and Termination shall be effected after ninety (90) days following receipt of the termination notice.

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

Done in duplicate in Kigali on July 23, 2018 in the Chinese and English languages, the two texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the
People's Republic of China

For the Government of the
Republic of Rwanda