

**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
ON MUTUAL VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF  
DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS, OFFICIAL PASSPORTS, SERVICE  
PASSPORTS AND PASSPORTS FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

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

With a view to further promoting friendly relations between their countries and facilitating exchange of visits for holders of diplomatic, official, service passports and passports for public affairs;

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

HAVE agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

Citizens of the People's Republic of China, holding valid diplomatic passports, service passports or passports for public affairs of the People's Republic of China, and citizens of Dominican Republic holding valid diplomatic or official passports of Dominican Republic, shall be exempted from visa requirement 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 II**

Citizens of either Contracting Party referred to in Article I of this

Agreement (excluding the citizens referred to in Article III), who intend to enter and stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period of more than thirty (30) days or 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 and obtain appropriate visa prior to entering the territory of the other Contracting Party.

### **ARTICLE III**

Citizens of either Contracting Party holding valid diplomatic, official or service passports, who are members of a diplomatic or consular mission accredited to the other Contracting Party, as well as their accompanying spouses and minor children holding valid diplomatic, official or service passports, 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 that they have complied with the accreditation requirements of the other Contracting Party within thirty (30) days of their first entry into the territory of the other Contracting Party.

### **ARTICLE IV**

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 ports open to foreigners and shall adhere to the laws and regulations applicable to non-citizens in respect of entry, exit and transit.

### **ARTICLE V**

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 VI**

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 VII**

This Agreement does not restrict the right of either Contracting Party to prohibit citizens of the other Contracting Party from entering its territory or terminate their stay in its territory without citing reasons therefore.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

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 IX**

1. The Contracting Parties shall complete, through diplomatic channels, the exchange of samples of their passports referred to in Article I 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 X**

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 consent of the Contracting Parties.

Done in duplicate in *Beijing* on *2, November, 2018* in the Chinese, Spanish and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of discrepancy in interpretation of the text, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the  
People's Republic of China

For the Government of  
Dominican Republic