

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

ON THE

**RECIPROCAL EXEMPTION OF THE VISA REQUIREMENT FOR
HOLDERS OF
DIPLOMATIC OR SERVICE PASSPORTS**

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON,

(Hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties")

DESIRING to intensify the existing friendly ties and cooperation between both countries;

DESIRING to promote, strengthen and boost cooperation in the area of free movement of persons;

WISHING to facilitate the free movement of persons holding diplomatic or service passports in the territories of the Contracting Parties, in compliance with the legislation in force in both countries;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1:

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the conditions for the reciprocal exemption of visas for nationals of the Contracting Parties who are holders of diplomatic or service passports.

Article 2:

1. Nationals of the Republic of Cameroon holding valid diplomatic or service passports of the Republic of Cameroon and nationals of the People's Republic of China holding valid diplomatic or service passports of the People's Republic of China shall be exempted from visa requirement for entry into, stay in, transit through or exit from the territory of the other

Contracting Party for a period of stay not exceeding thirty (30) days from the date of their entry.

2. The above-mentioned nationals of either Contracting Party, excluding the nationals referred to in Article 3 of this Agreement, who intend to stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period of more than thirty (30) days or engage in work, study, residence, news reports or other activities which shall be approved in advance by the other Contracting Party's competent authorities, shall apply for visa before entering the territory of the other Contracting Party.

Article 3:

1. Nationals of both States, holding valid diplomatic or service passports, who are members of a diplomatic mission, a consular post or a permanent mission of their respective State to an international organization installed in the territory of the other State, may enter the territory of that State or may stay there during their term of office without any visa, provided they have complied with the accreditation requirements of the other Contracting Party within thirty (30) days after their arrival.
2. Family members of the persons referred to in paragraph 1 above shall benefit from the same facilities provided that they are nationals of the sending State holding valid diplomatic or service passports, live in the same household and are recognized by the receiving State as family members under its national legislation.

Article 4:

Nationals of either Contracting Party, holding valid diplomatic or service passports shall enter into, exit from or transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party through ports open to foreigners.

Article 5:

Nationals of either Contracting Party shall comply with the entry and stay regulations and the national legislation in force in the territory of the other Contracting Party throughout the duration of their stay.

Article 6:

Officials at or above vice ministerial level of the Central Government of the People's Republic of China and officials at or above secretary of state level of the Government of the Republic of Cameroon, as well as 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 other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels before their travel to the latter's territory for official purposes.

Article 7:

1. Either Contracting Party may, for the sake of public order, national security, public health or any other important reasons, suspend the application of all or part of this Agreement.
2. The other Contracting Party must be notified immediately, through diplomatic channel in writing, of the suspension referred to in paragraph 1 above. The notification shall indicate the date of the suspension.
3. The Contracting Party which initiates the suspension shall immediately inform the other Contracting Party of the reasons for the suspension when the suspension is revoked. The suspension shall cease upon receipt by the other Contracting Party of this notification.
4. The suspension referred to in paragraph 1 above shall have no effect on the rights of nationals of either Contracting Party referred to in articles 2 and 3 of this Agreement, who are already in the territory of the other Contracting Party.

Article 8:

This Agreement does not restrict the right of either Contracting Party to prohibit persona non grata or unacceptable nationals of the other Contracting Party from entering its territory or terminate their stay in its territory, without justification.

Article 9:

1. The Contracting Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, valid specimens of the travel documents listed in Article 2 of this Agreement, at least thirty (30) days prior to the entry into force of this Agreement.
2. In case of modification or replacement of the travel documents in force, the Contracting Party concerned shall send the new or modified specimens to the other Contracting Party as well as all relevant information on their use, at least thirty (30) days before the date of their entry into use.

Article 10:

This Agreement shall not affect the obligations of the Contracting Parties under international conventions to which they are parties, in particular, the Vienna Convention of 18 April 1961 on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention of 24 April 1963 on Consular Relations.

Article 11:

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled through consultation through diplomatic channel.

Article 12:

1. This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period.
2. This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days from the sending date of the last notification of completion of the required internal ratification procedures.
3. This Agreement may be amended, at any time, at the request of either Contracting Party and with the consent of both Contracting Parties through diplomatic channel.
4. Either Contracting Party may, at any time, notify the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channel of its decision to withdraw from this Agreement. The withdrawal shall take effect ninety (90) days after receipt of the withdrawal notice by the other Contracting Party.

Done in Yaounde, on the 7 July 2016, in duplicate in the Chinese, French and English languages, all versions being equally authentic. However, in case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
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