

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
TIMOR-LESTE
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 Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (hereinafter referred to as the "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 I

Citizens of the People's Republic of China holding valid diplomatic or service passports of the People's Republic of China, and citizens of the

Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste holding valid diplomatic or service passports of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, shall be exempted from visa requirement for entry into, exit from or transit through the territory of the other Party.

ARTICLE II

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

ARTICLE III

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

2. Citizens of either Party referred to in Article I of this Agreement, who intend to stay longer than thirty (30) days in the territory of the other Party, shall go through necessary registration procedures, in accordance with the relevant regulations of the latter's competent authorities.

ARTICLE IV

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 Party shall obtain the prior consent of the other Party or inform the competent authorities of the other Party through diplomatic channels before their travel to the latter's territory for official purposes.

ARTICLE V

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

ARTICLE VI

Either 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 Party, in writing in advance, of its intention to suspend the Agreement and subsequently to cancel the suspension through diplomatic channels.

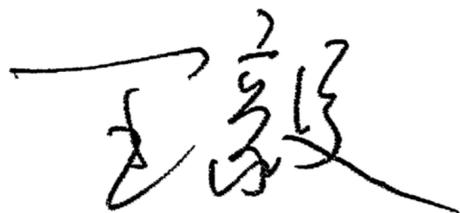
ARTICLE VII

1. The Parties shall complete, through diplomatic channels, the

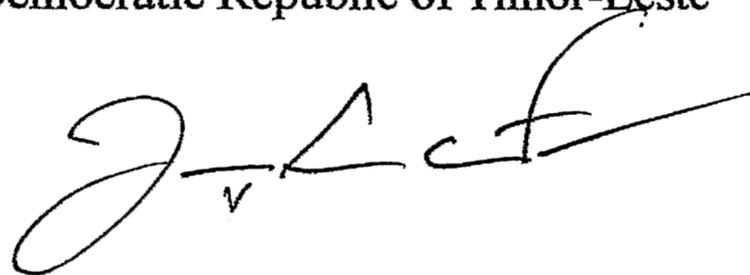
Parties.

Done in duplicate in Sanya on 9 April 2014 in the Chinese, Portuguese and English languages, the three texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the
People's Republic of China

A handwritten signature in Chinese characters, appearing to be '王毅' (Wang Yi), written in black ink.

For the Government of the
Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

A handwritten signature in Latin script, appearing to be 'J. A. C. F.', written in black ink.