

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

The Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the State of Kuwait (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, service, special passports and passports for public affairs based on equality and reciprocity;

HAVE agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

The following types of passports under the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement:

1- For the People's Republic of China: Diplomatic, Service Passports and Passports for Public Affairs.

2- For the State of Kuwait: Diplomatic and Special Passports.

## ARTICLE 2

Citizens of the either Party holding valid passports, mentioned in Article 1 of this Agreement, shall be exempted from visa requirement for entry into, exit from or transit through or stay in the territory of the other Party not exceeding than thirty (30) days in each entry.

## ARTICLE 3

Citizens of either Party holding valid passports, mentioned in Article 1 of this Agreement, who are assigned as members of diplomatic or consular mission in the territory of the other Party, as well as members of their families, shall not be required to obtain a visa to entry into, exit from, transit through or stay in the territory of the other 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 4

1. Citizens of the state of each Party holding valid passports, mentioned in Article 1 of this Agreement, observe national legislation of the country of stay during their stay on the territory of the state of the other Party.

2. Entry, exit, transit of citizens of the state of one Party holding valid passports, mentioned in Article 1 of this Agreement, on the territory of the state of the other Party are realized through the official check-points of the state of the receiving Party opened for the international traffic.

#### ARTICLE 5

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 6

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 7

1. The 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 Party shall inform the other 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 passport.

#### ARTICLE 8

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 9

Any disputes arising between the Parties concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled through consultations and negotiations.

#### ARTICLE 10

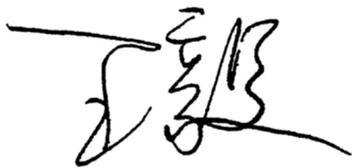
1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30) day following the date of receiving the last written notification by the Parties, through diplomatic channels, indicating that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with.

2. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties. These amendments shall be effected according to the procedures mentioned in paragraph 1 of this article.

3. This Agreement shall be valid for a period of five (5) years and shall be automatically extended thereafter for successive five(5) years periods unless one Party inform the other Party to terminate this Agreement in writing through diplomatic channels, this Agreement shall cease to be effective on the ninetieth (90) day following the date of notification.

Done in duplicate in *Beijing* on *June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014* in the Chinese, Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the  
People's Republic of China



For the Government of the  
State of Kuwait

