

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

The Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of Barbados (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting 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 (official) passports on the basis of equality and reciprocity;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

Citizens of either Contracting Party holding valid diplomatic or service (official) passports shall be exempted from visa requirements

for entry into, exit from or transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE II

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 international travellers 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 Contracting Party referred to in Article I of this Agreement shall abide by the laws and regulations in force in the territory of the other Party during their stay in its territory.

2. Citizens of either Contracting Party referred to in Article I of this Agreement who intend to stay longer than thirty (30) days in the territory of the other Contracting Party shall undergo the 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 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 at least 2 weeks prior to their travel to the other Contracting Party's territory for official purposes.

ARTICLE V

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

ARTICLE VI

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 through diplomatic channels of its intention to suspend the Agreement and subsequently to cancel the suspension.

ARTICLE VII

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 the new passports.

ARTICLE VIII

The service passports of the People's Republic of China referred to in this Agreement include passports for public affairs.

ARTICLE IX

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30) day following the date of the last 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 written consent of the Contracting Parties.

Done in duplicate in *Barbados* on *27 May 2014* in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the
People's Republic of China



For the Government of
Barbados

