

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF ETHIOPIA
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 Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties"),

Desiring to further promoting friendly relations between their countries and facilitation of exchange of visits by their citizens;

Having conducted friendly consultation on mutual visa exemption for holders of diplomatic and service passports on the basis of equality and reciprocity;

HAVE agreed as follows:

Article 1

Scope

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 Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia holding valid diplomatic or service passports of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, 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 2

Visa Procedures for more than 30 days

Citizens of either Contracting Party referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement(excluding the citizens referred to in Article 3), 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 the visa before entering the territory of the other Contracting Party.

Article 3

Visa exemptions

Citizens of either Contracting Party holding valid diplomatic or service passports, who are assigned as members of a diplomatic or consular mission in the territory of the other Contracting Party, as well as members of their families, 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 after their arrival.

Article 4

Use of Ports

Citizens of either Contracting Party referred to in Article 1 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 necessary formalities in accordance with the relevant regulation of the latter's competent authorities.

Article 5

Observing of National laws

Citizens of either Contracting Party shall abide by the laws and regulations in force in the other Contracting Party during their stay in its territory.

Article 6

Higher officials

Officials at or above vice ministerial level of the central government and officers of or above the rank of major general of the armed force 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 purpose.

Article 7

Unacceptable Citizens

This Agreement doesn't restrict the rights of either Contracting Party to prohibit 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 8

Temporary Suspensions

Either Contracting Party may temporarily suspend this Agreement partly or wholly on the ground 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 9

Exchange of Sample Passports

1. The Contracting Parties shall complete, through diplomatic channels, the exchange of sample 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 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 passport.

Article 10

Passport for Public Affairs

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

Article 11

Amendment

This Agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of the Contracting Parties provided that one of the Contracting Parties presents a written proposal for amendment to the other Contracting Party. Amendments shall be made through signing of an amendment protocol.

Article 12

Consultations

Either Contracting Party may propose to consult on any matter affecting the interpretation or implementation of the Agreement. The consultations shall be held on the proposal of one of the Contracting Parties at the time and place to be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

Article 13

Entry into force

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.

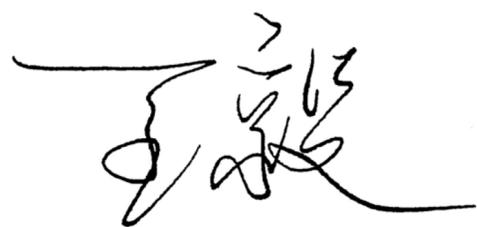
2. This Agreement shall remain in force indefinitely, If either Contracting Party wishes to terminate this Agreement, it shall notify the other Contracting Party in writing through diplomatic channels, and this Agreement shall cease to be effective on the ninetieth (90) day following the date of notification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement in two

original copies in Chinese and English, both texts being equally authentic.

Done at Addis ^{Abeba} on this 4th day of the month of May in the year 2014 .

For the Government of the
People's Republic of China



For the Government of the
the Federal Democratic Republic of

Ethiopia
