

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
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 the Republic of Macedonia (hereafter 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 the People's Republic of China holding valid diplomatic or service passports of the People's Republic of China, and citizens of the Republic of Macedonia holding valid diplomatic or official passports of the Republic of Macedonia, 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 ninety(90) days from the date of their entry.

ARTICLE II

Citizens of either Contracting Party referred to in Article I of this

Agreement(excluding the citizens referred to in Article III), who intend to enter and stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period of more than ninety (90) 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 III

Citizens of either Contracting Party holding valid diplomatic and service/official passports, who are assigned as members of 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 visa to entry into, exit from, transit through or stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for the duration of their accreditation, provided they have complied with the accreditation requirements of the other Contracting Party within thirty (30) days after their arrival.

ARTICLE IV

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 foreigners and shall adhere to the necessary formalities in accordance with the relevant regulations of the latter's competent authorities.

ARTICLE V

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

ARTICLE VI

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 before their travel to the latter's territory for official purposes.

ARTICLE VII

This Agreement does not restrict the right 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 VIII

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

ARTICLE IX

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 new passports.

ARTICLE X

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

ARTICLE XI

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.

3. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties.

4. Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved by consultations through diplomatic channels.

5. Upon the entry into force of this Agreement, the Agreement between the Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Exemption from Visas for Holders of Diplomatic, Service Passports and Passports for Public Affairs, taken over by way of succession by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia by an exchange of Notes Verbale with the Government of the People's Republic of China in January 1998, shall cease to be valid between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia.

Done in duplicate in *Riga* on *5th November, 2016* in the Chinese, Macedonian 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
Republic of Macedonia

