

A G R E E M E N T
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNEMENT OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF QATAR
ON MUTUAL EXEMPTION OF VISA
REQUIREMENTS
FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC, SPECIAL AND
SERVICE PASSPORTS

The Government of the Slovak Republic

and

the Government of the State of Qatar

(Hereinafter referred to individually as the “Contracting Party” and jointly as the “Contracting Parties”),

Desirous to strengthen and deepen the ties of friendship and cooperation between two States,

Desirous to exempt the holders of diplomatic, special, and service passports from visa requirements to enter the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party,

Taking into account the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963,

Have agreed on the following:

Article (1)

The provisions of this Agreement shall be applied to the holders of any of the following passports:

1. valid diplomatic passport or service passport of the Slovak Republic, or
2. valid diplomatic passport or special passport of the State of Qatar.

Article (2)

Nationals of the State of one Contracting Party, who are holders of any of the passports specified in Article (1) of this Agreement, may enter into, transit through, stay on and exit from the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party without visa for a maximum period of ninety (90) days within one hundred eighty (180) days period.

Article (3)

Nationals of the State of one Contracting Party assigned to diplomatic mission or consular post, or to permanent missions of the State of this Contracting Party or to delegations of international organizations, as well as the members of the families of such persons forming their household (spouses and minor dependent children), who are holders of any of the passports specified in Article (1) of this Agreement, shall enter into, transit through, stay on and exit from the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party, without visa during the entire period of their assignment, provided that they finalize accreditation formalities in force in the territories of the State of the other Contracting Party within ninety (90) days from the date of they arrived in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party.

Article (4)

The exemption of visa requirements does not entitle the nationals of the State of one Contracting Party, who are holders of any of the passports specified in Article (1) of this Agreement to carry out activities other than those authorized for their entry into the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party, in accordance with the agreements concluded between the Contracting Parties. Individuals entering the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party with the purpose of carrying out activities other than those for which they were authorized for entrance or wishing to stay for a period longer than ninety (90) days within one hundred eighty (180) days period shall be required to apply for a visa beforehand.

Article (5)

Nationals of the State of each Contracting Party who are holders of any of the passports specified in Article (1) of this Agreement shall, upon loss, damage or theft of their passport, inform the competent authorities of the State of the other Contracting Party and the accredited diplomatic mission shall secure a temporary passport or travel document for their departure to their State, in accordance with the national legislation of the State of each Contracting Party.

Article (6)

Nationals of the State of one Contracting Party, who are holders of any of the passports specified in Article (1) of this Agreement, may enter into and exit from the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party through the border-crossing points, provided that all conditions required by the national legislation of the State of each Contracting Party are fulfilled.

Article (7)

This Agreement does not affect the right of the competent authorities of the State of either Contracting Party to refuse the entry of the nationals of the State of the other Contracting Party, who are holders of any of the passports specified in Article (1) of this Agreement into their respective territories, reduce their period of stay or terminate it, where they may pose a threat to public policy, internal security or public health, or where their presence within the respective territory is illegal.

Article (8)

Nationals of the State of one Contracting Party, who are holders of any of the passports specified in Article (1) of this Agreement, shall comply with the national legislation in force of the State of the other Contracting Party, during their stay on the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party and when crossing the borders.

Article (9)

(1) Either Contracting Party may temporarily suspend the implementation of provisions of this Agreement, partially or in whole, on the grounds of the threat of public policy, internal security or public health.

(2) Either Contracting Party shall immediately notify the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels about the suspension or further implementation of this Agreement.

Article (10)

(1) The Contracting Parties shall exchange specimens of the passports specified in Article (1) of this Agreement through diplomatic channels within thirty (30) days from the date of signature of this Agreement.

(2) The Contracting Parties shall exchange specimens of new or modified passports specified in Article (1) of this Agreement, as well as the information about their use through diplomatic channels thirty (30) days before the date of their application.

Article (11)

This Agreement shall not affect any rights or obligations of the Contracting Parties resulting from other international agreements binding their States.

Article (12)

Any dispute arising between the Contracting Parties from the interpretation or implementation of any provision of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultations and negotiations between them by diplomatic channels.

Article (13)

This Agreement shall be amended or revised by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties in writing exchanged through diplomatic channels, which shall be

considered as integral part of this Agreement. Such amendments or revisions shall enter into force according to the paragraph (2) of Article (14) of this Agreement.

Article (14)

- (1) This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period.
- (2) This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30th) day from the date of receipt of the last written notification, by which the Contracting Parties inform each other through diplomatic channels on fulfilment of the conditions necessary for entry into force of this Agreement.
- (3) Either Contracting Party may terminate this Agreement by a written notification of its intention to terminate this Agreement delivered to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels. In such case this Agreement shall terminate on the ninetieth (90th) day from the date of receipt of such written notification.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement.

Done at on (Gregorian date) in two original copies, each in Slovak, Arabic and English languages. In case of a divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE STATE OF QATAR**