

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

The Government of the Slovak Republic

and

the Government of the Sultanate of Oman

(hereinafter referred to as the “Contracting Parties”);

Desiring to strengthen the friendly relations between both countries;

Wishing to facilitate the travel of their nationals, the holders of valid diplomatic, special and service passports in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The provisions of this Agreement apply to the holders of any of the following travel documents:

1. valid diplomatic or service passports of the Slovak Republic;
2. valid diplomatic, special or service passports of the Sultanate of Oman.

Article 2

(1) Nationals of the State of one Contracting Party, the holders of any of the travel documents mentioned in Article (1), may enter into, transit through, stay in and exit from the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party without a visa for a maximum period of (90) ninety days in any of (180) one hundred eighty days period.

(2) The exemption of visa requirements does not entitle the holders of any of the travel documents mentioned in Article (1), to carry out activities other than those authorized for their entry into the State, in accordance with the agreements entered into by both Contracting Parties. Those entering the State with the purpose of carrying out activities other than those for which they were authorized to enter or those wishing to stay for a period longer than (90) ninety days in any of (180) one hundred eighty days period, shall be required to go through the procedures and obtain a visa beforehand.

Article 3

Nationals of the State of either Contracting Party, the holders of any of the travel documents mentioned in Article (1), shall abide by the laws and regulations in force during their stay on the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party.

Article 4

The travel documents mentioned in Article (1), belonging to nationals of the State of either Contracting Party, shall be valid for at least (3) three months after the intended date of departure from the territory of the State of either Contracting Party and they has been issued within the previous (10) ten years.

Article 5

Nationals of the State of either Contracting Party, the holders of any of the travel documents mentioned in Article (1), shall enter into and exit from the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party trough the border - crossing points assigned for this purpose by the competent immigration authorities and without any restriction, except for entry restrictions relating to security, immigration, customs

and health, or any other provisions legally applicable to the holders of these passports.

Article 6

(1) Nationals of the State of one Contracting Party assigned to a diplomatic mission or consular office or a mission to an international organization located in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party, as well as the members of the families of such persons forming part of their household (spouses, minor children and other persons that they support), the holders of any of the travel documents mentioned in Article (1), may enter into, transit through, stay in and exit from the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party without a visa during the entire period of their assignment in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations as of 1961.

(2) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the other Contracting Party shall accredit the nationals referred to in paragraph (1) within (30) thirty days from their entry into the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party, upon which they will be granted their respective visas in accordance with the applicable national regulations of the other Contracting Party.

Article 7

(1) This Agreement does not affect the right of the competent authorities of either Contracting Party to refuse entry of the nationals of the State of the other Contracting Party, the holders of any of the travel documents mentioned in Article (1), into their respective territories, reduce their period of stay or terminate it, where the nationals in question are considered *non grata* or where they may present a risk to the national security, public order or public health, or where their presence within the respective territory is illegal.

(2) Where a national of the State of the other Contracting Party has been affected by the provisions of this Article, the Contracting Party responsible for the aforementioned action must notify the other Contracting Party in writing through diplomatic channels without delay.

Article 8

(1) In the case of loss, theft, damage or invalidity of any of the travel documents mentioned in Article (1), the diplomatic or consular mission, to which the holder of the travel documents in question belongs to, shall provide him with the documents that enable him/her to return to the territory of the Contracting Party to which he/she is a national of.

(2) The aforementioned diplomatic or consular mission shall promptly notify the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party of such incidents through diplomatic channels.

Article 9

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

(2) In the case of any changes in the travel documents mentioned in paragraph (1), the Contracting Party, whose travel documents have been changed, shall provide specimens of the changed travel documents to the other Contracting Party, through diplomatic channels, (30) thirty days prior to the entry of these changes into force.

Article 10

The Contracting Parties may amend or revise the provisions of this Agreement by mutual consent in writing. Such amendments or revisions shall be considered as integral parts of this Agreement and shall enter into force according to the provision of Article (15) of this Agreement.

Article 11

This Agreement does not prejudice rights and obligations arising out of any bilateral agreements concluded between both Contracting Parties.

Article 12

The Contracting Parties shall implement this Agreement in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in both countries.

Article 13

The Contracting Parties shall amicably settle any disputes arising out of the implementation or interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement by consultation through diplomatic channels.

Article 14

(1) Either Contracting Party may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement, completely or partially, for reasons relating to national security, public order or public health, or if it is evident that there is an abuse of the rights provided under this Agreement.

(2) The Contracting Party, who wishes to suspend the application of this Agreement, shall notify the other Contracting Party of the suspension and specify the reasons thereof in writing, through diplomatic channels, at least (7) seven days before the entry of this suspension into force, and shall also inform the other Contracting Party of the end of this suspension in writing through diplomatic channels, at least (7) seven days before the end of this suspension.

(3) The suspension of the application of this Agreement does not affect the legal status of the nationals of the State of either Contracting Party, the holders of any of the travel documents mentioned in Article (1), who are located in the territory of the other Contracting Party.

Article 15

This Agreement enters into force after (30) thirty days from the date of receipt of the last written notification of the Contracting Parties through diplomatic channels on completion of the internal procedures required for its entry into force, and shall be valid for an indefinite period of time, unless one of the Contracting Parties

notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate the Agreement in accordance with Article (16).

Article 16

Either Contracting Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by notifying the other Contracting Party in writing, through diplomatic channels, of its decision to terminate at least (90) ninety days before the application of this termination.

Done in, on in two originals, each in the Slovak, Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any discrepancy in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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