AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA
ON
WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL/ SERVICE PASSPORTS

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and separately as the "Party");

Desiring to strengthen the friendly relations between the two countries;

Aiming to ensure smooth entry, exit and transit of citizens of the Parties holding valid diplomatic or official/service passports through the borders of the Parties by exempting such citizens from visa requirements;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. Citizens of either Party, holding valid diplomatic or official/service passports, shall be exempted from visa requirements for the entry into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Party for the maximum period of ninety (90) days.

2. Extension of the period of stay for the persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article may be granted by the competent authorities of the host

Party upon a written request from the diplomatic mission or consular post of the sending Party.

3. The diplomatic and official/service passports shall not have a validity of less than three (3) months when entering the territory of either of the Parties.

Article 2

Members of the diplomatic mission or consular post or official representatives to the International organization located in the territory of the other Party and their family members (spouse and children) holding a valid diplomatic or official/service passport, shall not be allowed to stay in the territory of the receiving state for more than ninety (90) days without a valid diplomatic or other appropriate identity cards.

Article 3

Citizens of either Party, who fulfil the requirements mentioned in Articles 1 and 2 of this Agreement, may enter, leave and transit through the territory of the other Party at all border crossing points open to international passenger traffic.

Article 4

1. The persons to whom this Agreement applies shall respect the laws and regulations of the receiving state and observe the laws and regulations in force governing the procedures for the entry, exit, stay and transit of foreign nationals during their stay in the receiving state.

2. The Agreement does not restrict the right of either Party to refuse entry into, limit, suspend, shorten or terminate the stay in its territory of any citizen of the other Party holding a valid diplomatic or official/service passport which it may consider undesirable.

Article 5

Either Party may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement, totally or partially, for reasons of security, public order or public health. The Party which decides to temporarily suspend or denounce the suspension of a part or the whole Agreement shall immediately inform the other Party of such a decision through diplomatic channels.

Article 6

1. The Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their diplomatic and official/service passports within thirty (30) days after the date of the entry into force of this Agreement.

2. The Parties shall notify each other, through diplomatic channels, of any changes or modifications in their existing diplomatic and official/service passports at least thirty (30) days prior to their applicability.

Article 7

Any dispute arising from the interpretation and/or implementation of this Agreement will be settled through negotiations and consultations through diplomatic channels.

Article 8

1. This Agreement may be amended at any time by the mutual consent of the Parties through an exchange of notes via diplomatic channels.

2. Any amendment shall enter into force according to the same procedure provided under paragraph 1 of Article 9 of this Agreement.

3. The amendments made pursuant to paragraph 1 and 2 of this Article shall form an integral part of this Agreement.

Article 9

1. This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of the last written notification by which the Parties have notified each other that their internal legal requirements necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement have been met.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period unless either Party terminates it by written notification through diplomatic channels.

3. The termination shall become effective ninety (90) days after the date of the receipt of such notification by the other Party.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective governments have signed this Agreement in two original texts, in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

Done at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on this ..23..... Day of the Month of August 2018.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA