AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

ON VISA EXEMPTION

FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (hereinafter referred to individually as "a Party" and collectively as "the Parties");

Inspired by the desire to strengthen the existing friendly relations in all fields between the two countries;

Desiring to simplify and facilitate the travel of the holders of diplomatic and official passports of the two countries;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. The holders of diplomatic and official passports of the country of a Party shall be exempt from visa requirements for entry into, exit from, transit through and be permitted to stay in the territory of the country of the other Party for a maximum period of ninety (90) days.

2. Upon request in writing of the diplomatic mission or consular post of the country of one Party, the duration of the stay of the holders of diplomatic and official passports as mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article may be extended by the other Party.

Article 2

1. The holders of diplomatic and official passports of the country of a Party, who are members of the diplomatic mission or consular post or representatives to the international organizations located in the territory of the country of the other Party, shall be exempt from visa requirements for entry into and be permitted to stay in the territory of the other Party for the period of their term of duty. Within ninety (90) days from the date of entry, they should complete the necessary procedures for stay registration with the authorities of the host country.

2. The provision of paragraph 1 of this Article shall also be applicable to members of the families of the above-mentioned persons, including spouses, children under 18 years old, provided that they are holders of diplomatic or official passports.

Article 3

1. This Agreement shall not exempt the above mentioned passport holders from their obligation to observe laws, regulations and customs of the host country.

2. Each Party reserves the right to refuse entry or to shorten the duration of stay of the holders of diplomatic and official passports of the country of the other Party whom it regards persona non grata, or undesirable person.

Article 4

1. Either Party may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement for reasons of public order, national security or public health.

2. The temporary suspension and the termination of such a temporary suspension shall be immediately notified to the other Party through diplomatic channels.

Article 5

1. The competent authorities of the Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their valid diplomatic and official

passports and travel documents in lieu of such passports within thirty (30) days from the date this Agreement enters into force.

2. The competent authorities of the Parties shall, through diplomatic channels, inform each other of any change in specimens of their diplomatic and official passports and travel documents in lieu of such passports and shall exchange the new specimens thirty (30) days before their introduction.

Article 6

1. The holder of a diplomatic or official passport of the country of a Party, who loses his/her passport in the territory of the country of the other Party, shall inform the diplomatic mission or consular post of his/her country and the relevant authorities of the host country about the loss of his/her passport. The diplomatic mission or the consular post concerned shall, in accordance with the laws and regulations of its country, issue a new passport or a travel document to him/her and inform the competent authorities of the host country about the issuance of the new passport or travel document and the cancellation of the lost passport.

2. The Parties shall accord necessary assistance and protection to such person pending the issuance of a new passport or travel document.

Article 7

All disputes concerning the interpretation and application of this Agreement shall be amicably resolved through diplomatic channels.

Article 8

This Agreement may be amended, supplemented or modified in writing through mutual consent of the Parties.

Article 9

1. This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the date of signature and be valid for an indefinite period.

2. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving in writing, through diplomatic channels, a notice of six months to the other Party of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

Done at Hanoi, on January 31st, 2007, in duplicate in English.

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