AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR
ON VISA EXEMPTION
FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC,
OFFICIAL AND SPECIAL PASSPORTS

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Government of Republic of Ecuador, hereinafter referred to as "The Parties",

CONSIDERING the friendly relations between the two countries;

DESIRING to further strengthen such relations, on a reciprocal basis, by facilitating the entry of nationals of Vietnam and Ecuador into their respective countries;

PURSUANT to the prevailing laws and regulations of the respecting countries;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE I
VISA EXEMPTION

Nationals of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, holders of valid diplomatic and official passports, and nationals of the Republic of Ecuador, holders of valid diplomatic, official and special passports, shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter, transit, exit and stay in the territory of the other Party for a period which does not exceed 90 (ninety) days from the date of entry and may extend up to 90 (ninety) days in case of necessity on the basis of approval of the host country and written request from the diplomatic mission or consular post of the other Party.

ARTICLE II
DURATION OF PASSPORT VALIDITY

The duration of passport validity of nationals of either Party shall be at least 6 (six) months before they enter the territory of the other Party.

ARTICLE III
VISA RESTRICTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

1. The holders of valid passports of either Party referred to Article 1 and Article 2 of this Agreement may enter into and depart from the territory of the other Party by any point authorized for that purpose by the competent immigration authorities, without any restriction except for those stipulated in the security, migratory, custom and sanitary provisions and others which may be legally applicable to holders of valid passports as referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement.

2. Nationals of one Party, holding valid passports specified in Article 1 of this Agreement, have the obligation to observe the laws and regulations in force during their stay in the territory of the other Party.

ARTICLE IV
VISA FOR MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR MISSION

1. Nationals of each Party who are holders of valid passports as referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement, and assigned as members of a diplomatic or consular mission in the territory of the other Party, including their family members (the term family members refers to the spouse and dependent children) holding valid diplomatic, official and special passports, shall not be required to obtain a visa to entry into, exit from and stay in the territory of the other Party for the period of their assignments.

2. Within 90 (ninety) days from the date of entry, the persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article should complete the necessary procedures for registration of stay with the competent authorities of the host country.

ARTICLE V
THE RIGHT OF AUTHORITIES

Both Parties reserve the right to refuse admission to persons considered undesirable or likely to endanger public peace, public order, public health or national security and those already in the territory of the Receiving State, to shorten their stay.

ARTICLE VI
SUSPENSION

1. Each Party may temporarily suspend this Agreement either in whole or in part, for reasons of national security, public order or public health.

2. The introduction, as well as the termination of the measures stated in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be duly informed to the other Party through diplomatic channels at least 30 (thirty) days before the implementation of the suspension.

ARTICLE VII
SAMPLE AND ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT OR TRAVEL DOCUMENT

1. The two Parties shall exchange through diplomatic channels samples of the passport being used by each Party within 30 (thirty) days after the signing of this Agreement and either Party shall provide to the other Party samples of any new passport within 30 (thirty) days before it is issued.

2. The Parties shall properly inform each other about the modifications introduced in their national law related to passports issuance.

3. If a national of either Party losses his/ her passport as referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement in the territory of the other Party, he/she shall inform the concerned diplomatic or consular post of his/her country, which shall issue a new passport or travel document to the aforementioned national and inform the competent authorities of the host country for appropriate action.

ARTICLE VIII
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any difference or dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENT

This Agreement may be amended or revised, if it is deemed necessary, by mutual agreement in writing through the diplomatic channels by the Parties. Such amendment and revision shall enter into force on such date as may be determined by the Parties.

ARTICLE X
ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. This Agreement shall enter into force 30 (thirty) days after the date of signature hereof.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period.

3. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving the other Party a written notice of termination, through diplomatic channels, 90 (ninety) days prior to intend date of termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at the city of Quito, Ecuador, on 20th day of August, in the year two thousand and seven, in two originals each in the Vietnamese, Spanish, and English languages, all text being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR

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