

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM**

ON

**VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF
DIPLOMATIC OR SERVICE/OFFICIAL PASSPORTS**

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
Hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"

DESIRING to further promote the development of friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries;

EAGER to facilitate exchange of official visits and travels of nationals of both countries holding diplomatic or service/official passports on the basis of equality and reciprocity;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. Nationals of one Party, who are holders of valid diplomatic or service/official passports, shall be exempted from visa requirements for entry into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Party.
2. The persons mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be permitted to stay in the territory of the other Party for a maximum period of ninety (90) days within any six (06) month period, reckoned from the date of first entry. Upon the request in writing of the diplomatic mission or consular post of the Party of which the passport holders are nationals, the other Party may extend the permit of residence for those persons.
3. Nationals of either Party referred to in paragraph 1 above, excluding the nationals referred to in Article 2 of this Agreement, who intend to enter and stay in the territory of the other Party for a period of more than ninety (90) days or engage in work, study, reside or other activities which shall be approved in advance by the other Party's competent authorities, shall apply for the visa before entering the territory of the other Party.

Article 2

1. Nationals of the one Party, holders of valid diplomatic or service/official passports who are accredited as members of the diplomatic mission, consular posts or representative missions to the international organizations located in the territory of the other Party, shall be exempted from visa requirements for entry into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Party for the period of their assignments.
2. The visa exemption granted to persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall also apply to their family members, provided that their family members are holders of valid diplomatic or service/official passports.
3. In the period of ninety (90) days, reckoned from the date of the first entry, persons mentioned in paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 of this Article must complete the registration procedures at the competent authorities of the host country.

Article 3

1. Nationals of either Party referred to in Article 1 and Article 2 of this Agreement may enter into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Party at any border check-point designated for international passenger traffic.
2. Nationals of either Party referred to in Article 1 and Article 2 of this Agreement shall be obligated to comply with the applicable laws and regulations of the other Party while crossing the border and during their stay in the territory of the other Party.

Article 4

Through diplomatic channels, the competent authorities of the Parties shall, at the earliest time as possible, inform each other of changes of their laws and regulations concerning the entry, exit and temporary stay of the persons referred to in Article 1 and Article 2 of this Agreement.

Article 5

This Agreement shall not affect the right of either Party to refuse the entry or shorten the stay of any national of the other Party whom it may consider as *persona non grata*.

Article 6

For reasons of national security, public order or public health, either Party may suspend the implementation of this Agreement in whole or in part. Such suspension and its termination shall be communicated immediately to the other Party through diplomatic channels.

Article 7

1. The Parties shall, through diplomatic channels, exchange specimen of their diplomatic or service/official passports, together with a detailed description of such passports, no later than thirty (30) days after signing this Agreement.
2. Either Party shall, through diplomatic channels, transmit to the other Party specimens of its modified diplomatic or service/official passports if any, together with a detailed description of such passports, no later than thirty (30) days before their coming into use.

Article 8

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved by consultations through diplomatic channels.

Article 9

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties by exchange of diplomatic notes. The amendments shall be considered as integral parts of this Agreement and enter into force according to the identical requirements as specified in paragraph 1 of Article 10 of this Agreement.

Article 10

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30th) day following the date of receipt, through diplomatic channels, of the latter written notification in which the Parties notify each other of the

completion of their internal legal procedures required for the entry into force of this Agreement.

2. This Agreement is valid for an indefinite period and would be subject to a tri-annual assessment of this implementation by a joint follow-up committee. Each Party shall communicate to the other Party within a period of three (03) months after its entry into force, the relevant national Authority in charge of the implementation and follow-up of this Agreement.

3. Each Party may terminate this Agreement by giving a written notification through diplomatic channels to the other Party. In that event, the Agreement ceases to be in effect on the ninetieth (90th) day following the date of receipt of the notification of termination.

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

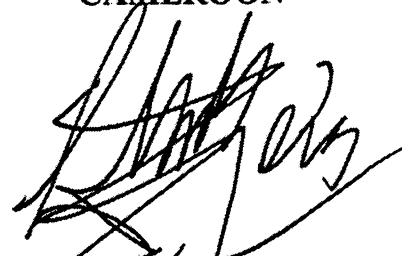
Done in **HANOI**, on **December 27, 2017** in duplicate, each in English, French and Vietnamese languages, all text being equally authentic. However, In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIET NAM**



**H.E. PHAM BINH MINH
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF
CAMEROON**



**H.E. MBELLA MBELLA
MINISTER OF EXTERNAL RELATION**

