

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT
ON
VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC OR
OFFICIAL PASSPORTS**

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Government of the State of Kuwait, hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Party" individually or "the Contracting Parties" collectively.

Desiring to strengthen the existent friendly relations between the two countries;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. Citizens of one Contracting Party, holding valid diplomatic or official passports, shall be exempted from visa requirements for the entry into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party for the maximum period of ninety (90) days of stay within (06) six months from the first date of the entry.

2. Either Contracting Party may extend, in accordance with its laws and regulations, the duration of stay for the persons referred to paragraph 1 of this Article upon requests in writing of the Diplomatic Mission or Consular Posts of the other Contracting Party whose citizens the passport holders are.

Article 2

Citizens of one Contracting Party, holding valid diplomatic or official passport, being members of the Diplomatic Mission or Consular Posts or of the representatives to the international organizations located in the territory of the other Contracting Party, as well as their spouse and underage children holding valid diplomatic or official passports, shall be exempted from visa requirements for the entry into, exit from and stay in the territory of the other

Contracting Party during their assignments, provided that notice of the other Contracting Party before thirty (30) days of arrival.

Article 3

Citizens of either Contracting Party, mentioned in Articles 1 and 2 of this Agreement, may enter into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party at all border crossing points open to the international passenger traffic.

Article 4

1. Citizens of either Contracting Party have the obligation to observe laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party during their stay in the latter's territory.

2. The Agreement does not restrict the right of one Contracting Party to deny the entry into or shorten the stay in its territory of any citizens of the other Contracting Party, considered as undesirable according to the former's laws and regulations and international conventions of which both the Contracting Parties are members.

Article 5

Either Contracting Party may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement, totally or partially, for reason of security, public order or public health. The Contracting Party which decides to temporarily suspend or denounce the suspension of a part or the whole Agreement shall immediately inform the other Contracting Party of such a decision through diplomatic channels. Such suspension and lifting thereof shall be effective after thirty (30) days from the date stipulated in the notification to the other Contracting Party.

Article 6

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

2. The Contracting Parties shall convey to each other through diplomatic channels specimens and information of their new diplomatic and official passport at least thirty (30) days prior to its use.

Article 7

Any dispute arising from the interpretation and implementation of this Agreement will be settled amicably through diplomatic channels.

Article 8

1. This Agreement shall enter into force after sixty (60) days from the date of the last notification whereby one of the Contracting Parties informs the other in written through diplomatic channels that it has satisfied the constitutional procedures required for its into force.

2. This Agreement can be amended by mutual consent of both Contracting Parties. These amendments will be effective according to the procedures mentioned in paragraph 1 from this article of this Agreement.

3. This Agreement shall be valid for an indefinite period starting from the date of its entry into force. Either Contracting Party may terminate this Agreement by giving a written notice to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels. The termination shall take effect ninety (90) days after the date of notification.

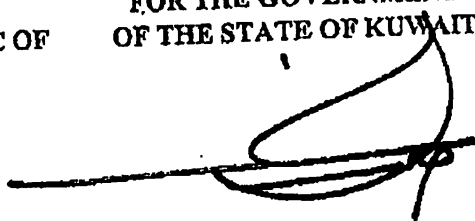
Done at Kuwait City on 13th October 2012, in duplicate in Vietnamese, Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in the interpretation of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT
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VIETNAM**



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