AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY

ON

VISA EXEMPTION

FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Government of the Republic of Paraguay, hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties";

Inspired by the desire to strengthen the existent friendly relations and co-operation in all fields between the two countries;

Desiring to simplify and facilitate the traveling of citizens of one Contracting Party to the territory of the other Contracting Party;

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 entry into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party.
- 2. The persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be permitted to stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a maximum period of ninety (90) days. Upon requests in writing of the Diplomatic Mission or Consular Posts of one Contracting Party, whose citizens are holders of the above-mentioned passports, the other Contracting Party may extend the duration of stay for those passport holders.

Article 2

1. Citizens of one Contracting Party, holding valid diplomatic or official passports, being members of the Diplomatic Mission or Consular Posts or

representatives to the international organizations located in the territory of the other Contracting Party, shall be exempted from visa requirements for entry into and exit from the territory of the other Contracting Party during the period of their assignments.

2. The visa exemption granted to the persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall also apply to members of their families, including spouses and children, provided that they are holders of valid diplomatic or official passports.

Article 3

Citizens of one Contracting Party, holding valid diplomatic or official passports, have the obligation to observe laws and regulations in force during their stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party.

Article 4

Citizens of one Contracting Party, holding valid diplomatic or official passports, shall enter and exit from the territory of the other Contracting Party through international ports for international travelers.

Article 5

Either Contracting Party shall reserve the right to deny the entry or to terminate the stay of any citizen of the other Contracting Party, holding valid diplomatic or official passports, considered as persona non grata.

Article 6

- 1. The Contracting Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their diplomatic and official passports within thirty (30) days as of the date of the entry into force of this Agreement.
- 2. Either Contracting Party shall inform the other Contracting Party as soon as possible of changes of their diplomatic or official passport's specimens and its regulations on entry, exit and stay in favour of aliens.

Article 7

Either Contracting Party may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement, totally or partially, for reasons of national security, public order or public health. The temporary suspension and the termination of such a temporary suspension shall be immediately informed to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels.

Article 8

The present Agreement may be amended or supplemented by mutual consent in writing of the Contracting Parties.

Article 9

The present Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30th) day after the date of receipt of the last notification, by which the Contracting Parties communicate each other, in writing and through the diplomatic channels, the fulfillment of the internal requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 10

The present Agreement shall be in force for an indefinite period, unless one Contracting Party notifies the other Contracting Party, in writing and through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate this Agreement. In that case, this Agreement would be terminated ninety (90) days from the date of receipt of the aforementioned notice by the other Contracting Party.

Done at Asunción on the esth of Mech 2007, in duplicate in Vietnamese, Spanish 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 of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

For the Government of the Republic of Paraguay