

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SYRIAN ARAB  
REPUBLIC ON EXEMPTION OF VISA-REQUIREMENT FOR  
HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines, and Government of the Syrian Arab Republic, Hereinafter referred to singularly as the "Contracting Party" collectively as the "Contracting Parties",

CONSIDERING the interest of both countries to strengthen their friendly relations, and

DESIRING to facilitate the entry of the citizens of the Republic of the Philippines and the citizens of the Syrian Arab Republic who are holders of diplomatic or official passports into country of the other contracting party,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

**ARTICLE 1**

The terms applying in this Agreement have the following meanings:

"Diplomatic passports": the diplomatic passports Republic of the Philippines and the diplomatic passports Syrian Arab Republic;

"Official passports": the official passports of the Republic of the Philippines and the service and special passports Syrian Arab Republic.

**ARTICLE 2**

1- A citizen of the state of either Contracting Party, who Is in possession of a valid diplomatic or official passport, shall be permitted to enter into, exit form and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party, through the international points of entry / exit, without visas.

2- A citizen of the state of either Contracting Party, holding valid diplomatic or official passport, shall be allowed to stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for the maximum period of sixty (60) days without a visa.

**ARTICLE 3**

1- A citizen of the state of one Contracting Party, holder of a valid diplomatic or official passport, assigned to a diplomatic or consular mission located in the other Contracting Party or accredited to the ministry of foreign affairs of that Party may stay in the territory of that Party without a visa during the entire period of his / her accreditation and shall be granted, upon the request of the diplomatic mission / consular post concerned within (60) days of the arrival of diplomatic / official passports of holder, a residence visa for the period of his/ her official stay.

2- A citizen of the state of one Contracting Party being the representative of his / her country in an international organization located in the territory of the other