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**South Africa  
and  
Guinea**

**Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Guinea on waiver of visa requirements for holders of diplomatic and service or official passports. Pretoria, 24 November 2006**

**Entry into force:** *23 January 2007, in accordance with article 10*

**Authentic texts:** *English and French*

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**Afrique du Sud  
et  
Guinée**

**Accord portant suppression de visas pour les détenteurs de passeports diplomatiques, de service ou officiels entre le Gouvernement de la République d'Afrique du Sud et le Gouvernement de la République de Guinée. Pretoria, 24 novembre 2006**

**Entrée en vigueur :** *23 janvier 2007, conformément à l'article 10*

**Textes authentiques :** *anglais et français*

**Enregistrement auprès du Secrétariat des Nations Unies :** *Afrique du Sud, 18 juin 2008*

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**PREAMBLE**

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Guinea (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and separately as a “Party”);

**MOVED** by a willingness to strengthen bonds of friendship between the countries; and

**DESIRING** to facilitate the entry of citizens of the Republic of South Africa and citizens of the Republic of Guinea who are holders of diplomatic, service or official passports into their respective countries;

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

**Article 1**

**WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS**

Citizens of the country of one Party, who are holders of valid diplomatic, service or official passports of that country, may enter, exit, transit and stay in the country of the other Party, for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days, without having to obtain a visa.

**Article 2**

**ACCREDITED DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR STAFF**

Citizens of the country of a Party who are holders of diplomatic, service or official passports and officials from the Diplomatic and Consular Missions accredited to the other Party, as well as members of their families, shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter, exit, transit or stay in the country of the other Party for the duration of their accreditation.

**Article 3**

**MOVEMENT CONTROL**

The entry or exit of a citizen of a country of either Party, who is in possession of a valid diplomatic, service or official passport, shall take place through their respective international points of entry and exit.

**Article 4**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

This Agreement shall not exempt citizens of either country who are holders of diplomatic, service or official passports from complying with the domestic law applicable in the country of the other Party.

**Article 5**

**REFUSAL OF ENTRY AND ISSUING OF NEW PASSPORT**

- (1) Each Party reserves the right to refuse the entry into, or shorten the stay in its country, of any citizen of the country of the other Party who is a holder of a diplomatic, service or official passport, whom it may consider undesirable.
- (2) If a citizen of the country of one Party loses his or her diplomatic, service or official passport in the country of the other Party, he or she shall inform the relevant authorities in the host country for appropriate action. The Diplomatic Mission or Consulate concerned shall issue a new diplomatic, service or official passport or travel document to its citizen and inform the relevant authorities of the host country.

**Article 6**

**NOTIFICATION OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS**

- (1) For the purpose of this Agreement, each Party shall transmit to the other Party through the diplomatic channel, specimens of its diplomatic, service or official passports, including a detailed description of such documents currently used, not later than thirty (30) days before the entry into force of this Agreement.
- (2) Each Party shall also transmit to the other Party through the diplomatic channel, specimens of its new or modified diplomatic, service or official passports, including a detailed description of such documents, at least thirty (30) days before they are brought into circulation.

**Article 7**

**AMENDMENT**

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

**Article 8**

**SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION**

- (1) For purposes of maintaining law and order and safeguarding security, each Party reserves the right to completely or partially suspend this Agreement. Such suspension, together with the reasons therefor, shall be conveyed to the other Party in writing through the diplomatic channel and shall take effect thirty (30) days after such written notification. The suspending Party shall lift the suspension as soon as possible by way of written notice to the other Party through the diplomatic channel.
- (2) This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period, but may be terminated by either Party by giving ninety (90) days written notice in advance to the other Party through the diplomatic channel, of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

**Article 9**

**SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

**Article 10**

**ENTRY INTO FORCE**

This Agreement shall enter into force sixty (60) days after the date of signature thereof.

Article 11

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be—

- (a) on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Guinea, the Ministry in charge of Immigration; and
- (b) on behalf of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Home Affairs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed and sealed this Agreement in two originals, in the French and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

DONE at PRETORIA on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER 2006.

  
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