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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN AND THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND ON THE RECIPROCAL WAIVER OF VISAS FOR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

The Kingdom of Spain and the Kingdom of Thailand, hereinafter the "Parties";

Considering the friendly relations between the Parties;

Desiring to strengthen these friendly relations by promoting the free circulation between both countries of bearers of diplomatic passports; and

Recognising the need to respect national laws and regulations and, moreover, in the case of the Kingdom of Spain, the commitments derived from the implementation of the Schengen Agreement of 14 June 1985 and the Convention Implementing the Agreement of 19 June 1990.

Have agreed upon the following:

Article 1

Nationals of the Kingdom of Spain, holding a valid, current Spanish diplomatic passport, may enter the territory of the Kingdom of Thailand without a visa for stays of up to ninety (90) days during a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days, provided that they do not engage in gainful activity during their stay and provided that the entry is not carried out for accreditation purposes.

Article 2

Nationals of the Kingdom of Thailand, holding a valid, current Thai diplomatic passport, may enter the territory of the Kingdom of Spain without a visa for stays of up to ninety (90) days during a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days,

provided that they do not engage in gainful activity during their stay and provided that the entry is not carried out for accreditation purposes.

If the persons mentioned in the above paragraph enter the territory of the Kingdom of Spain, after transit through the territory of one or more of the States to which the provisions concerning the abolition of internal border controls and of restrictions on the movement of persons are fully applicable, as set out in the Convention Implementing the Schengen Agreement, dated 19 June 1990, the ninety (90) days period mentioned in the above paragraph shall be counted as of the date of crossing the external border encompassing the free movement area formed by the aforesaid States.

Article 3

The provisions of this Agreement do not exempt the persons mentioned in this Agreement from the obligation to abide by the laws in force in the Kingdom of Spain and the Kingdom of Thailand, and shall not prejudice the privileges and immunities accorded to those persons under international law.

Article 4

Within thirty (30) days from the signature of the present Agreement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand shall exchange samples of their respective current diplomatic passports through diplomatic channels.

The aforesaid Ministries shall keep each other mutually informed, in a timely and appropriate manner, of any amendments introduced into their rules and regulations on the issuance of diplomatic passports, as well as of any change in their format, in which case they shall provide the other Party with new samples thereof, at least thirty (30) days before the entry into force thereof.

Article 5

The Parties shall endeavour to prevent passport forgery and shall ensure that the minimum security standards for machine-readable travel documents recommended by the International Civil Aviation Organisation are complied with.

Article 6

Either of the Parties may suspend the application of this Agreement, either totally or partially, for a given period, if reasons of State security, public order or public health so warrant. The adoption and, where appropriate, the lifting of such a measure shall be notified as soon as possible, through diplomatic channels. Such suspension and lifting thereof shall be effective after 30 days from the date stipulated in the notification to the other Party.

Article 7

Any dispute concerning the interpretation or implementation of the present Agreement shall be resolved by negotiations between the Parties.

Article 8

This Agreement may be amended by mutual written agreement between the Parties. Such an amendment shall enter into force according to the procedure established in Article 10 paragraph 2 of the present Agreement.

Article 9

Either of the Parties may terminate the Agreement in writing through diplomatic channels. The termination of this Agreement shall be notified to the other Party ninety (90) days in advance.

Article 10

- 1. This Agreement shall have an indefinite duration.
- 2. The present Agreement shall enter into force on the last day of the month following the date upon which the last notice was served by the Parties, through diplomatic channels, informing of the completion of the domestic procedures required for the entry into force of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Undersigned being duly authorized thereto have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Madrid this Seventh day of October of the year two thousand and ten, in duplicate, in the Spanish, Thai and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN

FOR THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND

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