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**South Africa
and
Russian Federation**

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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH AFRICA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION

REGARDING THE WAIVER OF VISA
REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF
DIPLOMATIC OR SERVICE / OFFICIAL
PASSPORTS

PREAMBLE

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

MOVED by a willingness to strengthen the relationship between the countries; and

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

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

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

- (a) in the case of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Home Affairs; and
- (b) in the case of the Government of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

ARTICLE 2

WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS

Citizens of the country of one Party, who are holders of valid diplomatic or service/official passports of that country, may enter, exit, transit and stay in the country of the other Party for a period of 90 days from date of first entry without having to obtain a visa.

ARTICLE 3
ACCREDITED DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR STAFF

- (1) Citizens of the country of a Party who are holders of valid diplomatic or service/official passports and officials from the Diplomatic and Consular Missions accredited to the other Party, as well as members of their families who are holders of valid diplomatic or service/official passports, 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.
- (2) The Parties shall timely notify each other through diplomatic channels of the date of arrival and the assignment of the persons mentioned in sub-Article (1).

ARTICLE 4
CONTROL OVER ENTRY AND EXIT

The citizens of the State of one Party mentioned in Article 1 of this Agreement may cross the border of the State of the other Party only through border check points open for international communication in compliance with the law of the State of each Party.

ARTICLE 5
LAW ENFORCEMENT

This Agreement shall not exempt the citizens of either country who are holders of valid diplomatic or service/official passports from complying with the domestic law in force in the territory of the other Party during the period of their stay in that territory.

ARTICLE 6

REFUSAL OF ENTRY OR SHORTENING THE PERIOD OF SOJOURN

A 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 valid diplomatic or service/official passport, whom it may consider undesirable.

ARTICLE 7

CASES OF LOST OR DAMAGED PASSPORTS

- (1) If a citizen of the country of one Party loses his or her diplomatic or service/official passport in the country of the other Party, he or she shall immediately inform the relevant authorities in the host country thereof and request appropriate action.
- (2) The Diplomatic Mission or Consular Office of the state of citizenship of the holder of the lost diplomatic or service/official passport shall issue a new diplomatic or service/official passport or travel document serving as identification of the person and authorizing his or her entry or return to the state of citizenship and inform the relevant authorities of the host country thereof.

ARTICLE 8

SUSPENSION

- (1) In cases of the necessity to protect public order, national security and public health the Parties shall have the right to entirely or partially suspend the execution of this Agreement.
- (2) The Party that makes the decision specified in sub-Article (1) shall inform the other Party about the undertaken measures or their cancellation through diplomatic channels within forty eight (48) hours.