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AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA
CONCERNING MUTUAL ABOLITION OF VISAS
FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of the Gambia (hereinafter referred to as "Contracting Parties");

Desirous of further promoting the friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries;

With the intention of facilitating travels of citizens of both countries holding diplomatic passports;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. This Agreement is applicable to valid diplomatic passports of both Contracting Parties.
2. The duration of validity of the diplomatic passport of citizens of each Contracting Party shall be at least 6 (six) months before entering the territory of the other Party.

Article 2

1. Citizens of each Contracting Party holding valid diplomatic passports shall be exempted from visa requirement to enter into, transit through, exit and stay temporarily in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days within any one hundred eighty (180) days period, commencing from the date of first entry.

2. The stay in the territory of each Contracting Party by the citizens of the other Contracting Party over the period indicated in the first paragraph of this Article (i.e. 90 days) is subject to the national legislation of the Contracting Party.

3. Citizens of each Contracting Party wishing to stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party beyond the period of visa exemption (90 days) shall apply for the relevant visas to the diplomatic and consular missions of the other Contracting Party.

Article 3

1. Citizens of each Contracting Party, holding valid diplomatic passports, who are appointed to the diplomatic, consular missions or representations of international organizations accredited in the territory of the other Contracting Party, shall be exempted from visa requirement to enter into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party for the period of their assignments.

2. The provisions of the first paragraph of this Article shall also be applied to the members of their families and their dependents, holding valid diplomatic, service, special and ordinary passports.

Article 4

1. In case of loss or damage of the valid diplomatic passport during their stay in the territory of the other Party, the holder shall exit from the territory of this Contracting Party on the basis of a new valid diplomatic passport or a travel document granting to these persons the right to return to the country of their citizenship, issued by a diplomatic or consular mission of the country of their citizenship. The exit with these documents issued newly shall be done without a visa or other permit from the competent authorities of the country of residence.

2. Citizens of each Contracting Party, who are not in a position to exit from the territory of the other Contracting Party within the period specified in the first paragraph of Article (2) of this agreement due to exceptional circumstances (illness or natural disaster) and have documentary or other reliable evidence of such circumstances, may apply to the relevant authorities for the permit to extend their stay in the territory of the other Contracting party for an appropriate period needed to return to the country of their citizenship or their permanent residence.

Article 5

1. Citizens of each Contracting Party may enter into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party using the border crossings points designated for international passenger traffic.
2. While crossing the State borders, citizens of each Contracting Party are obliged to comply with the rules and procedures set forth in the national legislation of the other Contracting Party.

Article 6

1. Visa exemption does not grant the citizens of the Contracting Parties the right to work or to engage in any lucrative activities in the territory of the other Contracting Party.
2. Citizens of each Contracting Party, who travels for the purposes of work, study, education, research, family reunification and long term residence (over 90 days), shall obtain in advance from the diplomatic and consular missions of the other Contracting Party an annotated visa in accordance with the national legislation of the Contracting Parties.

Article 7

1. The Contracting Parties shall exchange through diplomatic channels specimens of the valid passports stated in Article (1), no later than thirty (30) days following the receipt through diplomatic channels of the last written notification on the completion by the Contracting Parties of domestic procedures that are necessary for its entry into force.
2. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other through diplomatic channels of any changes in the existing travel documents mentioned in Article (1) and deliver the specimens of these documents sixty (60) days prior to their circulation.

Article 8

1. Each Contracting Party has the right to deny the entry into its territory of the citizens of the other Contracting Party or shorten the period of their stay in the country, with stated reasons which should not be contested by the sending Party.

2. Each Contracting Party shall readmit without delay and further formalities, its citizens who have submitted false or forged documents to the border authorities of the other Party.

Article 9

1. Each Contracting Party may temporarily suspend this Agreement wholly or partially, under extraordinary circumstances (state of war, epidemic diseases, natural disasters, for the reasons of national security, protection of public order and public health, etc.), after notifying through diplomatic channels within seventy-two (72) hours the other Contracting Party of its decision to suspend this Agreement.

2. Each Contracting Party shall also notify the other Contracting Party about its decision to re-implement this agreement through diplomatic channels within seventy-two (72) hours.

Article 10

Any dispute arising from the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be resolved through diplomatic channels.

Article 11

This Agreement shall be amended by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties through exchange of Notes, which shall be regarded as the integral part of this Agreement. The exchanged Notes shall enter into force according to the provisions of Article (12).

Article 12

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30th) day of the receipt of the last notification by which the Contracting Parties notify each other of the completion of internal legal procedures that are necessary for its entering into force.