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AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN
ON MUTUAL VISA EXEMPTION FOR
DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT HOLDERS

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of Benin

and

the Government of the Republic of Turkey,

hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”,

Desiring to develop the friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries;

Aiming at facilitating the travel of citizens of both countries who are holders of diplomatic passport;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

1. This Agreement shall be applicable to holders of a valid diplomatic passport of both Parties.
2. The diplomatic passports held by the citizens of each Party must have a validity period of at least six (6) months as of the date of entry into the territory of the other Party.

ARTICLE 2

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

2. Citizens of either Party wishing to stay in the territory of the other Party for stays exceeding ninety (90) days must request a settlement visa in advance.

ARTICLE 3

1. Citizens of each Party, holding a valid diplomatic passport, assigned to diplomatic and consular missions or representations of the international organizations accredited in the territory of the State of the other Party, as set out in the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations and on Consular Relations, shall also be exempt from the visa requirement to enter, leave and transit through the territory of the other Party for the period of their assignment in accordance with the provisions of Article 2.
2. The provisions of the first paragraph of this Article shall also apply to members of their families and dependents, holding a valid diplomatic passport.

ARTICLE 4

1. Citizens of each Party may only enter, leave and transit through the territory of the other Party from the border crossing points designated for international passenger traffic in the two countries.
2. Citizens of each Party shall be required to comply with the national legislation and the rules and procedures in force in the territory of the other Party while crossing the borders of the State.

ARTICLE 5

1. On the condition that there is not a separate Agreement on the employment of family members of diplomatic and consular agents assigned in diplomatic and consular missions or representations of the international organizations accredited in the territory of the other Party, the exemption of visa shall not grant any right to work to the citizens of the Parties.
2. Citizens of each Party seeking an annotated visa, governing the work, education, research, family reunification, long-term residence etc. in the territory of the other Party shall be subject to the national legislations of the Parties.
3. The requirements for obtaining annotated visas (place of application, the necessity of supporting documents etc.) shall depend on the national legislations of the Parties.

ARTICLE 6

1. The Parties shall mutually exchange through diplomatic channels the specimens of diplomatic passports no later than sixty (60) days as of the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
2. The Parties shall notify each other through diplomatic channels of any change in the diplomatic passports and shall submit their specimens to each other sixty (60) days prior to their entry into circulation.

ARTICLE 7

In exceptional circumstances, each Party shall be entitled to refuse the entry of citizens of the other Party into its territory or shorten the length of their stay in the country.

ARTICLE 8

1. Each Party may temporarily suspend this Agreement in whole or in part, because of extraordinary circumstances (state of war, natural disasters, national security, protection of public order and public health etc.).
2. Each Party shall notify the other Party of its decision to suspend or to apply again this Agreement through diplomatic channels within a period of fifteen (15) days.

ARTICLE 9

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled by diplomatic means.

ARTICLE 10

This Agreement may be amended at any time with the mutual written consent of the Parties. These amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the legal procedure laid down in the Article 11.

ARTICLE 11

1. This Agreement is concluded for an unlimited duration and shall remain in force unless one of the Parties notifies the other Party in writing through diplomatic

channels of its decision to terminate it. In this case, the Agreement shall be terminated six (6) months after the receipt of the notification in question by the other Party.

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

Done at Ankara on 11 December 2013, in two (2) original copies in Turkish, French and English languages, each being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in the interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**ON BEHALF OF THE
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