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et
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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH AFRICA**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SENEGAL**

**ON THE EXEMPTION OF VISAS FOR
DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL OR SERVICE
PASSPORT HOLDERS**

PREAMBLE

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

MOTIVATED by the will to strengthen the ties of friendship between the two countries;

DESIROUS to facilitate the entry and the stay of diplomatic and official or service passport holders of either Party in the territory of the other Party;

HAVE AGREED 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;
- (b) in the case of the Government of the Republic of Senegal, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

ARTICLE 2 EXEMPTION FROM VISAS

The holders of valid diplomatic and official or service passports of either Party, shall be able to enter, transit through and remain in the territory of the other Party, for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days, or to leave the territory without the need for a visa.

ARTICLE 3 ACCREDITED DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR STAFF

The officials of diplomatic and consular missions of either Party who are accredited by the other Party and members of their respective families are exempt from visas to enter transit through or remain in the territory of the other Party, or to leave the territory, for the duration of their accreditation.

**ARTICLE 4
ENTRIES AND EXITS**

The entry or exit of a holder of a valid diplomatic and official or service passport of either Party shall take place through the respective international points of entry and exit in their respective territories.

**ARTICLE 5
RESPECT FOR LEGISLATION**

This Agreement does not exempt the holders of diplomatic and official or service passports of either Party from observing national laws and regulations in force in the territory of the other Party.

**ARTICLE 6
ENTRY, STAY AND LOSS OF PASSPORTS**

- (1) Each Party reserves the right to refuse entry into or to shorten the stay of any holder of a diplomatic and official or service passport of the other Party, who may be considered undesirable.
- (2)
 - (a) If the holder of a diplomatic and official or service passport of either Party loses his or her passport, he or she shall immediately inform the competent authorities of the host country in order that appropriate action, dispositions or measures may be taken.
 - (b) The diplomatic or consular mission concerned shall issue a new diplomatic and official or service passport or travel document to its initial holder and shall notify the competent authorities of the host country.

**ARTICLE 7
NOTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS**

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement, the Parties shall mutually exchange, through the diplomatic channel, specimens of their diplomatic and official or service passports, including a detailed

description of such documents, within at least thirty (30) days prior to the entry into force of this Agreement.

- (2) The Parties shall also convey to each other, as soon as possible and through the diplomatic channel, specimens of their new or amended diplomatic and official or service passports, including a detailed description of these documents.

ARTICLE 8 AMENDMENTS

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

ARTICLE 9 SETTLING OF DISPUTES

Any dispute between the Parties arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiations 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 SUSPENSION

- (1) For the purposes of observing laws and regulations and maintaining law and order and security, each Party shall reserve the right to suspend this agreement partially or entirely.
- (2) (a) The reasons for this suspension shall, be communicated to the other Party in writing and through the diplomatic channel.