

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
AND
THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT
ON VISA EXEMPTION FOR THE HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND SERVICE
PASSPORTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA AND THE HOLDERS OF
DIPLOMATIC, SPECIAL AND SERVICE PASSPORTS OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC
OF EGYPT**

The Austrian Federal Government and the Arab Republic of Egypt (hereinafter referred to as "The Parties") desiring to facilitate the entry of holders of diplomatic and service passports of the Republic of Austria and of holders of diplomatic, special and service passports of the Arab Republic of Egypt have agreed as follows:

Article 1

(1) Austrian nationals, who are holders of a valid diplomatic or service passport, shall not be required to obtain visa to enter, transit or stay in the territory of the Arab Republic of Egypt for a period which does not exceed 90 (ninety) days within a 6 (six) months period counted from the date of entry.

(2) Egyptian nationals, who are holders of a valid diplomatic, special or service passport, shall not be required to obtain visa to enter, transit or stay in the territory of the Republic of Austria for a period which does not exceed 90 (ninety) days within a 6 (six) months period, counted from the day of entry into either the territory of the Republic of Austria or the territory of any other State to which the Schengen Convention of 19th of June 1990 implementing the Agreement of Schengen of 14th of June 1985 on the gradual abolition of checks at their common borders is applicable.

Article 2

The duration of validity of the diplomatic and service passport of nationals of the Republic of Austria and the diplomatic, special and service passport of nationals of the Arab Republic of Egypt shall be at least 6 (six) months on the day of entry into the territory of the other Party.

Article 3

Holders of valid diplomatic and service passports of the Republic of Austria and holders of valid diplomatic, special and service passports of the Arab Republic of Egypt may enter into and depart from the territory of the other Party at any point authorised for that purpose by the competent immigration authorities, without any restriction except for those stipulated in the security, migratory, customs, sanitary entry and other provisions which may be legally applicable to holders of such valid passports.

Article 4

(1) The provisions of Article 1 of this Agreement do not apply to the first entry of holders of valid diplomatic and service passports of the Republic of Austria and of holders of valid diplomatic, special and service passports of the Arab Republic of Egypt who are assigned to a diplomatic or consular mission in the territory of the other Party.

(2) Article 4 Paragraph 1 also applies to family members of passport holders referred to in Paragraph 1 who share the same household and who are holders of a valid diplomatic and service passport of the Republic of Austria or of a valid diplomatic, special and service passport of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

(3) The provisions of Article 1 of this Agreement do not apply to persons, who are planning to stay in the territory of the other Party for a period longer than the one stated in Article 1, or intending to take up an employment there. In those cases an entry visa and/or a residence permit shall be obtained in conformity with national immigration laws.

Article 5

Nationals of one Party enjoying privileges and immunities according to international law and who are holders of an ID card issued by the other Party, in its capacity as receiving or host country, do not need a visa or a residence permit to stay in or re-enter the territory of this Party as long as this ID card is valid and presented at entry along with a valid diplomatic and service passport of the Republic of Austria and a valid diplomatic, special and service passport of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Article 6

(1) The Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, samples of the diplomatic, special and service passports used by either Party within 30 (thirty) days after the signing of this Agreement, and either Party shall provide to the other Party the sample of any new or changed diplomatic, special and service passport within 30 (thirty) days before issuance of such passports is being started.

(2) The two Parties shall duly inform each other about any modification introduced in their respective national laws and regulations related to passport issuance.

(3) If a national of either Party loses his/her valid passport referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement in the territory of the other Party, he/she shall inform the authorities concerned of the receiving Party. The diplomatic mission or consulate concerned shall issue a new passport or travel document to the aforementioned national and inform the competent authorities of the receiving Party.

Article 7

(1) This Agreement does not exempt citizens of either Party from the obligation to respect the laws and regulations of the other Party concerning the entry, stay and exit of foreigners.

(2) Both Parties reserve the right to refuse admission to or shorten the stay of persons considered undesirable or likely to endanger the public peace, public order, public health or national security.

Article 8

Either Party may temporarily suspend this Agreement, for reasons of national security, public order or public health. The suspension as well as its termination shall be immediately notified to the other Party through diplomatic channels.

Article 9

(1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the month in which the Parties have informed each other through diplomatic channels that all requirements for entry into force of this Agreement as stipulated by their respective national legislation have been met.

(2) Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving to the other Party written notice of termination, through diplomatic channels. In this case the Agreement will be terminated three months after receipt of the notification of the termination.

DONE at Cairo on this 28th day of June, in the year 2010, in two originals each in English, German and Arabic languages, all texts being equally authentic.

In case of discrepancies in interpretation of the provisions of the present agreement, the English text shall prevail.

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