

**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
ON STREAMLINING THE VISA APPLICATION FORMALITIES FOR  
THE CREW MEMBERS OF THE AIRLINE COMPANIES**

The Austrian Federal Government and the Government of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties");

Recognizing the important role that civil aviation plays in promoting people-to-people contacts between the two countries;

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

Based on the principle of reciprocity, the crew members of the airline companies of the Parties (including those of the nationality of a third country) on regular airline services shall enjoy visa-free entry and exit upon presentation of valid passports and the crew list of the flight concerned (including name, gender, date of birth, nationality, position and passport number) sealed by the airline company and provided by the captain to the border authorities of the port of destination.

**ARTICLE II**

1. After entering the other Party's territory, if the crew members referred to in Article I of this Agreement need to extend their stay due to normal crew shift change, illness, accidents, aircraft malfunction, weather, or other force majeure, they do not need to apply for visas within 30 days. If they need to stay more than 30 days, they should apply for visas or stay permits to the local competent authorities.

2. If any of the crew members referred to in Article I of this Agreement wishes to stay on in the territory of the other Party for personal reasons, that person must obtain a visa in the diplomatic or consular mission of the other Party prior entering the territory of the other Party.

**ARTICLE III**

This Agreement shall take effect on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date of signature, and remain in force indefinitely. If either Party wishes to terminate this Agreement, it shall notify the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels. This Agreement shall be terminated on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date of sending notification.

Done in Beijing on 22 October 2014 in two original copies, each in Chinese, German and English, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

For the Austrian Federal  
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