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# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA ON THE WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC, OFFI...

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, DESIROUS OF ENTERING INTO ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FURTHER ENHANCEMENT OF THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

## ARTICLE I

CITIZENS OF EITHER STATE, HOLDERS OF VALID DIPLOMATIC, OFFICIAL AND SERVICE PASSPORTS ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE OBLIGATION TO OBTAIN VISAS FOR ENTRY AND STAY IN THE TERRITORY OF THE OTHER STATE, IF SUCH A STAY DOES NOT EXCEED 90 DAYS, AS WELL AS TRANSIT THROUGH THE TERRITORY.

## ARTICLE II

HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC, OFFICIAL AND SERVICE PASSPORTS OF BOTH STATES APPOINTED TO WORK IN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND CONSULAR OFFICES IN THE TERRITORY OF THE OTHER STATE MAY ENTER AND STAY THERE WITHOUT VISA FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR ASSIGNMENTS. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SENDING STATE SHALL NOTIFY THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION OF THE RECEIVING STATE BEFORE SUCH PERSONS ASSUME THEIR DUTIES. LIKEWISE, THE SENDING STATE THRU ITS MISSION SHOULD NOTIFY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE RECEIVING STATE OF THE OFFICIAL DATE OF THE TERMINATION OF DUTIES OF SUCH PERSONS.

## ARTICLE III

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS NOTE SHALL ALSO APPLY TO MEMBERS FORMING PART OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF THE PERSONS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THIS NOTE, PROVIDED THAT SUCH HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS ALSO HOLD DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS.

## ARTICLE IV

BOTH STATES SHALL TRANSMIT, THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS THE SPICEMENS OF VALID PASSPORTS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS NOTE. THROUGH THE SAME CHANNELS THEY SHALL INFORM EACH OTHER ABOUT INTRODUCTION OF NEW PASSPORTS AS WELL AS ABOUT THE CHANGES OF THOSE IN USE AND SHALL FURNISH RELEVANT SPICEMENS NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE THEIR INTRODUCTION.



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## ARTICLE V

HOLDERS OF PASSPORTS, WHOM THIS NOTE IS CONCERNED WITH, MAY ENTER THE TERRITORY OF THE OTHER STATE BY ANY LEGAL BORDER-CROSSING POINT. WHILE ENTERING THE OTHER STATE AND DURING THE STAY IN ITS TERRITORY, IT IS THEIR DUTY TO OBSERVE THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THAT STATE.

## ARTICLE VI

THIS AGREEMENT DOES NOT RESTRICT THE RIGHT OF EITHER STATE TO REFUSE PERMISSION TO ENTER ITS TERRITORY TO PERSONS CONSIDERED UNDESIRABLE AND, IN CASE OF A HOLDER OF DIPLOMATIC, OFFICIAL, OR SERVICE PASSPORT CONSIDERED UNDESIRABLE DURING THE STAY IN THE TERRITORY OF THE OTHER STATE, TO SHORTEN THIS STAY.

## ARTICLE VII

EITHER STATE MAY, FOR REASONS OF PUBLIC ORDER, SECURITY OR HEALTH TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT, IN WHOLE OR IN PART. SUCH A SUSPENSION AND ITS TERMINATION SHALL BE NOTIFIED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL TO THE OTHER STATE NOT LATER THAN 7 DAYS PRIOR TO ITS ENTRY INTO FORCE.

THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD. IT MAY BE TERMINATED BY NOTIFICATION BY EITHER STATE, AND IN SUCH CASE TO BE IN FORCE 90 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF NOTIFICATION.

DONE IN TWO COPIES AT PASAY IN THE ENGLISH AND SPANISH LANGUAGES, EACH VERSION BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC, ON THIS 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1993.

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