



**Agreement
Between
the Government of Malta
and
the Government of the State of Kuwait
on the Waiver of Visa Requirements
for Holders of Diplomatic, Special and Official Passports**

The Government of Malta and the Government of the State of Kuwait , hereinafter referred to as the “Contracting Parties”

Considering the conversations held by the authorities of our respective countries, aimed at strengthening the traditional links of friendship and collaboration existing between the two Governments, and

Desiring to increase the cooperation between their respective countries, in order to facilitate the entry and the exit of the holders of Diplomatic, Special and Official Passports of both Contracting Parties,

Have agreed as follows:-

Article 1

The following types of passports under the implementation of the provisions of this agreement:

- 1 – for the Republic of Malta: Diplomatic and Official Passports
- 2 – for the State of Kuwait: Diplomatic and Special Passports

Article 2

1. Nationals of both Contracting Parties who are holders of valid diplomatic, special or official passports may enter into, exit from, transit through and stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party, without a visa for a period of time not exceeding ninety (90) days in a year from the date of entry.

2. Nationals of either Contracting Party, holders of valid diplomatic, special or official passports and who are accredited in the territory of the other Party, as well as their spouse and underage children, who accompany them and live with them, may enter into, exit from, transit through or stay in the territory of the other Party without a visa during the period of their assignment, provided they have complied with the accreditation requirements of the other Party, at least thirty (30) days prior to their arrival in the territory of the other Party.

Article 3

The holders of such diplomatic, special or official passports may continue their stay, after the completion of the aforementioned term in Article 2, in the territory of the other Contracting Party, upon obtaining the corresponding authorization from the competent authorities to extend their stay, in accordance with the applicable legal provisions of that other Contracting Party.

Article 4

Holders of passports referred to in this Agreement that are authorized by the competent authorities, may enter into, transit through and depart from official border points. This Agreement does not exempt nationals of the Contracting Parties holding diplomatic, special or official passports from their commitment to respect the legislation established in the other Party's territory during their stay.

Article 5

Each Contracting Party reserves the right to refuse the entry or to terminate the stay of persons considered undesirable or likely to endanger the public peace or public order or public health or national security.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party may suspend this Agreement either in whole or in part, due to reasons of public order or security or health protection. The suspension shall be notified in writing to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels.

Article 7

1. The Contracting Parties will exchange, through diplomatic channels, samples of valid diplomatic, special and official passports, within thirty (30) days after the entry into force of this Agreement.

2. In case of any modification of the valid diplomatic and official passport document, the Contracting Parties will exchange through diplomatic channels their new models and information about the applicability of the valid diplomatic, special and official passports, within thirty (30) days from its circulation.

Article 8

Any disputes arising between the Contracting Parties concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled through consultations and negotiations.

Article 9

Any amendments of this Agreement may be carried out on the basis of written consent between the Contracting Parties. Such amendments shall enter into force in accordance with Article 11 of this Agreement.

Article 10

Either Contracting Party may terminate this Agreement by giving a written notice to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels. The termination shall take effect ninety (90) days after the date of notification.

Article 11

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the receipt of the latter notification through diplomatic channels by which the Contracting Parties notify each other of the completion of internal legal procedures that are necessary for its entering into force.

Done at New York on the 23 day of September 2010, in two original texts, in English and Arabic, both texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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