

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
ON MUTUAL ABOLISHING OF VISA REQUIREMENTS
FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND
OFFICIAL PASSPORTS**

The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as “the Contracting Parties”,

With a view to promoting friendly relations between the two nations and to facilitating travels of their nationals;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. Holders of valid diplomatic and official passports of the Russian Federation shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter, exit, transit and stay in the Kingdom of Thailand for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days from the date of their entry, provided that they shall not take up any employment, be it self-employment or any other private activity in the Kingdom of Thailand.

2. Holders of valid diplomatic or official passports of the Kingdom of Thailand shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter, exit, transit and stay in the Russian Federation for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days from the date of their entry, provided that they shall not take up any employment, be it self-employment or any other private activity in the Russian Federation.

Article 2

1. Holders of valid diplomatic and official passports of the Russian Federation who are assigned as members of the diplomatic mission or the consulate of the Russian Federation or who are representatives of the Russian Federation to an international organization in the Kingdom of Thailand, as well as their family members holding valid Russian diplomatic or official passports, may enter, stay and leave the Kingdom of Thailand without obtaining a visa for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days. Such period shall, upon request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation or the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Bangkok be extended until the end of their assignment.

2. Holders of valid diplomatic or official passports of the Kingdom of Thailand who are assigned as members of the diplomatic mission or the consulate of the Kingdom of Thailand or who are representatives of the Kingdom of Thailand to an international organization in the Russian Federation, as well as their family members holding valid Thai diplomatic or official passports, may enter, stay and leave the Russian Federation without obtaining a visa for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days. Such period shall, upon the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand or the Royal Thai Embassy in Moscow, be extended until the end of their assignment.

Article 3

Nationals of the States of the Contracting Parties entitled to visa exemption under the provisions of Articles 1 and 2 of the Agreement may enter, transit through or leave the territory of the State of the Contracting Parties at any points open for international passenger traffic, provided that they observe the laws and regulations of the State of the respective Contracting Party governing the entry, travel and stay of foreigners.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall inform each other immediately about any changes in their respective laws and regulations governing the entry, travel and stay of foreigners.

Article 5

This Agreement does not affect the obligations of nationals to the State of either Contracting Party to abide by the laws and regulations in force in the territory of the other Contracting Party.

Article 6

1. Competent authorities of each Contracting Party shall have the right to refuse entry or terminate the stay of any person entitled to visa exemption under this Agreement on the ground of public order or national security.

2. Each Contracting Party shall admit at any time and without any formalities to its territory its own nationals who have entered its territory under the provision of this Agreement.

Article 7

For reasons of maintaining public order and security, either Contracting Party may introduce provisional restrictions or suspend the

operation of this Agreement partially or completely. One Contracting Party shall immediately inform the other Contracting Party about the introduction or abolition of such measures through diplomatic channels.

Article 8

1. The Contracting Parties shall convey to each other through diplomatic channels the specimens of their valid diplomatic and official passports at least thirty (30) days prior to entry into force of this Agreement.

2. In case of introduction of new diplomatic and official passports as well as modifications of the existing ones, the Contracting Parties shall convey to each other, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their new passports, at least thirty (30) days prior to the introduction of these changes.

Article 9

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the sixtieth day from the date of the last written notification by the Contracting Parties of the completion of their internal procedures necessary for its entry into force.

2. This Agreement shall be valid for the period of five years and shall be automatically extended thereafter for successive five years periods unless it is terminated by one of the Contracting Parties giving ninety (90) days' prior written notice to that effect to the other Contracting Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective Governments thereto, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Moscow, this 17th Day of October 2002, in duplicate in the Thai, Russian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall be used.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND

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