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AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS ON VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND SERVICE PASSPORTS

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Government of Solomon Islands, hereinafter referred to individually as “the Party” and collectively as “the Parties,”

CONSIDERING the existing friendly relations between the two countries;

DESIRING to further strengthen such relations, on a reciprocal basis, by facilitating the entry of nationals of both Parties, holders of diplomatic and service passports;

PURSUANT TO the prevailing laws and regulations in force of the respective countries;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1 VISA EXEMPTION

The nationals of either Party, holders of valid diplomatic and service passports with a minimum validity of 6 (six) months, shall be exempt from visa requirements to enter, leave, transit through, and stay in the territory of the other Party, not exceeding 30 (thirty) days from the date of each entry.

ARTICLE 2 TRAVEL PURPOSES

Subject to the respective laws and regulations of the Parties, this Agreement shall apply to holders of valid diplomatic and service passports traveling for government assignments, education, social, art and culture, tourism, family, business, and pre-investment.

ARTICLE 3**VISA FOR MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR OFFICES**

Nationals of either Party who are holders of diplomatic and service passports and assigned as members of the diplomatic or consular mission in the territory of the other Party, including their family members, shall be required to obtain an appropriate entry visa from the diplomatic or consular mission of the other Party, prior to the entry.

ARTICLE 4**ENTRY AND EXIT CONDITIONS**

The holders of valid passports of either Party referred to in this Agreement may enter, transit through, and leave the territory of the other Party through international checkpoints authorized for that purpose by the competent immigration authorities, without any restrictions, except for those stipulated in security, migratory, customs, sanitary and other provisions which may be legally applicable to holders of such valid passports.

ARTICLE 5**RIGHTS OF AUTHORITIES**

1. This Agreement shall not exempt nationals of either Party from the obligation to respect and comply with the laws and regulations of the other Party when entering its territory, including but not limited to the laws and regulations concerning the entry, stay, and exit of foreigners.
2. This Agreement does not affect the applicable laws and/or regulations of the two countries relating to internal security and the entry, stay, or movement of foreigners.
3. Either Party reserves the right to refuse admission of entry and shorten the duration of stay of any person entitled to visa exemption and facilities under this Agreement if it considers that person undesirable.

ARTICLE 6**SUSPENSION**

1. Either Party may temporarily suspend the application of the measures stipulated in this Agreement in whole or in part for reasons of security, public order, or public health. The suspension shall be notified to the other Party through diplomatic channels at the earliest possible time.
2. The suspension of this Agreement, in whole or in part, shall not affect nationals of a Party holding valid passports who have been granted entry into or are already present in the territory of the other Party under Article 1 of this Agreement at the point of suspension.

ARTICLE 7

SPECIMENS AND ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS OR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

1. The competent authorities of the Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their valid diplomatic and service passports no later than 30 (thirty) days after the date of its entry into force of this Agreement.
2. In case of the introduction of new diplomatic and service passports, as well as modification of the existing ones, the Parties shall send such specimens to the other each, through diplomatic channels, as well as information relating to their application no later than 30 (thirty) days prior to their introduction.

ARTICLE 8

LOST OR DAMAGED PASSPORTS

In case of nationals of either Party lose or damage their diplomatic and service passports in the territory of the other Party, they shall immediately inform the competent authorities of the receiving country through the diplomatic mission or consular offices of the country of their nationality. The diplomatic mission or consular offices concerned shall issue to the nationals above, in conformity with the legislation of their country, a document to return to the country of origin.

ARTICLE 9

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any disputes between the Parties on interpreting or implementing this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations.

ARTICLE 10

AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended or revised at any time by mutual consent in writing by the Parties. Such amendment or revision shall enter into force on such date as may be determined by the Parties and form an integral part of this Agreement.

Article 11

ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION, AND TERMINATION

1. This Agreement shall enter into force after thirty (30) days from the date of the last written notification in which the Parties inform each other, through diplomatic channels, that all requirements for entry into force of this Agreement, as stipulated by their respective national legislation, have been fulfilled.
2. This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period unless either Party decides to terminate the present Agreement by giving written notice to the other Party through diplomatic channels 90 (ninety) days prior to the expected termination date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed this Agreement.

DONE in Honiara on the seventh - day of September ;in the year 2022, in two originals, each in the Indonesian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

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**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
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