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# SOLOMON ISLANDS GAZETTE

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## GAZETTE NOTICES

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA  
ON THE MUTUAL EXEMPTION OF SHORT STAY VISA REQUIREMENTS  
FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC, SPECIA, AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS**

The Government of the Solomon Islands and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (hereinafter referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”);

Considering the special relations between the two countries, their efforts to enhance the bilateral relations between the two countries. and their mutual desire to facilitate the process of mobility for the nationals of the two countries in accordance with the principle of reciprocity;

Have agreed as follows:

### **Article 1**

Nationals of each country may enter (on a mission or in a private capacity) the other country without a visa, for a continuous stay or multiple stays not exceeding ninety (90) days in a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date of first entry, by providing a valid diplomatic or official passport (for Solomon Islands nationals only) and a valid diplomatic or special passport ( for Saudi nationals only).

### **Article 2**

Nationals of each country who are holders of diplomatic or official passports (for Solomon Islands nationals) or diplomatic or special passports (for Saudi nationals) shall apply for a visa to obtain a continuous residence or multiple residences that exceeds the period mentioned in Article I of this Agreement.

### **Article 3**

Nationals of either country entering the other country shall, in accordance with

provisions of Article I, adhere to respect national laws and international treaties that include the countries of the Parties, in addition to upholding the established regulations and customs in the territory of the host country during their stay.

#### **Article 4**

The provisions of Article 1 of this Agreement shall not apply to the Solomon Islands nationals arriving in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the purposes of performing Hajj or Umrah; they shall obtain a visa issued specifically for such purposes.

#### **Article 5**

The Parties shall coordinate between each other through diplomatic channels in regards to nationals arriving on an official visit prior to their arrival in either country.

#### **Article 6**

According to the provisions of Article I of this Agreement, nationals of either country entering the other country are not allowed to engage in any business during their stay unless it is in accordance with the laws and regulations of the host country.

#### **Article 7**

1. The competent authorities of the Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, samples of their valid diplomatic and official passports (for Solomon Islands nationals), or diplomatic and special passports (for Saudi nationals), no later than thirty (30) days after the signing of this Agreement.

2. The Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, samples of any new or amended forms of their passports referred to in paragraph I of this Article. Each Party shall inform the other Party of the terms for the issuance and use of such passports. Each Party shall inform the other Party of any amendment concerning the form of such passports, and the terms of their issuance or use as far as possible at least sixty (60) days before the date of the amendment. Each Party shall report any incidents of the theft, loss or cancelation of any of these passports to the other Party within sixty (60) days of the incident.

#### **Article 8**

The Parties shall ensure that the information and documents exchanged between them in accordance with this Agreement are exclusively used for the purposes assigned to them. Such information and documents shall not be transferred to any third party without the written consent of the Party concerned.

#### **Article 9**

Each Party shall have the right to immediately suspend the implementation of this

Agreement in whole or in part for reasons of national security, public order or public health. Such suspension shall enter into force upon written notification to the other Party through diplomatic channels. The implementation of this Agreement may be reinstated by the mutual written consent of the Parties.

#### **Article 10**

This Agreement may be amended upon the Parties' written agreement in accordance with their respective statutory procedures.

#### **Article 11**

The Parties shall settle any dispute arising between them on the interpretations of implementation of this Agreement by consultation between the Parties through diplomatic channels in an amicable manner, in order to serve their common interests. No dispute between the Parties shall be submitted for settlement to any court, authority or other entity.

#### **Article 12**

I. The Parties shall notify each other in writing through diplomatic channels of the completion of their necessary internal statutory procedures required for the entry into force of this Agreement. The Agreement shall enter into force after (30) days from the date of receipt of the last notification.

2. This Agreement shall be valid for a period of five (5) years, and shall be automatically renewed for successive five-year periods, unless either Party provides the other Party with a written notice about their willingness to terminate or not renew the Agreement at least six months prior to its expiration date.

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

Done at Riyadh on the sixth-day of October 2024, corresponding to 03/04/1446H, in two original copies, in the English and Arabic languages, both texts have the same authentic.

FOR  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
SOLOMON ISLANDS

**HON. JEREMIAH MANELE**  
PRIME MINISTER

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FOR  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

**PRINCE FAISAL BIN FARHAN AL SAUD**  
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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