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CONCERNING MUTUAL ABOLITION OF VISAS FOR
HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS**

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EXTRAORDINARY

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA ANNOUNCES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA HERINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "CONTRACTING PARTIES", IN PURSUANCE OF THE OBJECTIVE TO FACILITATE TRAVELS OF NATIONALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES HOLDING DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS, NATIONALS OF EACH CONTRACTING PARTY HOLDING VALID MACHINE READABLE BIOMETRIC DIPLOMATIC E-PASSPORTS SHALL BE EXEMPTED FROM VISA REQUIREMENT TO ENTER INTO, TRANSIT THROUGH, EXIT AND STAY TEMPORARILY IN THE TERRITORY OF THE OTHER CONTRACTING PARTY FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING NINETY (90) DAYS WITHIN ANY ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) DAYS PERIOD, RECKONED FROM THE DATE OF FIRST ENTRY, HAS ISSUED ON JULY 28, 2014, THIS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA CONCERNING MUTUAL ABOLITION OF VISAS FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS HEREIN UNDER.

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT

AUGUSTINE KPEHE NGAFUAN
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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MONROVIA, LIBERIA
JULY 28, 2014

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The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Liberia (hereinafter referred to as "Contracting Parties");

Desiring to strengthen the friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries;

Aiming to facilitate travels of nationals of both countries holding diplomatic passports;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

This Agreement is applicable to valid machine readable biometric diplomatic e-passports of both Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 2

Nationals of each Contracting Party holding valid machine readable biometric diplomatic e-passports shall be exempted from visa requirement to enter into, transit through, exit and stay temporarily in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days within any one hundred eighty (180) days period, reckoned from the date of first entry.

ARTICLE 3

1. Nationals of each Contracting Party, holding valid machine readable biometric diplomatic e-passports, who are appointed to the diplomatic, consular missions or representations of international organizations accredited in the territory of the other Contracting Party, as spelled out in the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations, shall be exempted from visa requirement to enter into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party for the period of their assignments.

2. The provisions of the first paragraph of this Article shall also be applied to the members of their families and their dependents, holding valid machine readable biometric diplomatic, service, official, special and ordinary e-passports.

3. For the implementation of the first paragraph of this Article, notification by the international organizations concerning the appointments of nationals of the Contracting Parties shall be considered sufficient.

ARTICLE 4

Nationals of each Contracting Party, holding valid machine readable biometric diplomatic e-passports, wishing to pay an official visit to the territory of the other Contracting Party, shall be exempted from the visa requirement to enter into, exit from, transit through and stay temporarily in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days within any one hundred eighty (180) days period, reckoned from the date of first entry.

ARTICLE 5

1. Nationals of each Contracting Party may enter into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party using the border crossings designated for international passenger traffic.

2. While crossing the State borders, nationals of each Contracting Party are obliged to comply with the rules and procedures set forth in the national legislation of the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 6

1. Subject to a separate agreement on the employment of family members of the diplomatic, consular missions or representations of international organizations accredited in the territory of the other Contracting Party, visa exemption does not grant the right to work to the citizens of the Contracting Parties.

2. Annotated visas regulating work, study, research, education, family reunion and long term residence in the territory of each Contracting Party are subject to the provisions of the national legislation of the Contracting Parties.

The application requirements for annotated visas (place of application, necessity of supportive documents etc.) by the nationals of each Contracting Party are subject to the national legislation of the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 7

1. The Contracting Parties shall exchange through diplomatic channels specimens of the valid machine readable biometric e-passports stated in Article (1), no later than sixty

(60) days following the entry into force of this Agreement.

2. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other through diplomatic channels of any changes in the existing travel documents mentioned in Article (1) and deliver the specimens of these passports sixty (60) days prior to their circulation.

3. In the event a Contracting Party introduces an additional passport, which is not stipulated in Article (1), the Concerned Party shall deliver through diplomatic channels the specimens of its new passport to the other Contracting Party sixty (60) days prior to the implementation of any such amendments to this Agreement. Any amendments of Article (1) shall enter into force in accordance with the same legal procedure prescribed under Article (11) and the first paragraph of Article (12) of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8

In exceptional circumstances, Each Contracting Party has the right to deny the entry into its territory of the nationals of the other Contracting Party or shorten the period of their stay in the country, without mentioning any reason.

ARTICLE 9

1. Each Contracting Party may temporarily suspend this Agreement wholly or partially, under extraordinary circumstances (state of war, epidemic diseases, natural disasters, for the reasons of national security, protection of public order and public health, etc...).

2. Each Contracting Party shall notify the other Contracting Party about its decision of suspension and re-implementation of this Agreement through diplomatic channels within one (1) week.

ARTICLE 10

Any dispute arising from the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be resolved through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 11

This Agreement shall be amended by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties through exchange of notes, which shall be regarded as the integral part of this Agreement. The exchanged notes shall enter into force according to the same legal procedure prescribed under the first paragraph of Article (12).

ARTICLE 12

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30th) day of the receipt of the last notification by which the Contracting Parties notify each other of the completion of internal legal procedures that are necessary for its entry into force.
2. This Agreement is of unlimited duration and shall remain valid unless one of the Contracting Parties notifies the other Party in written form through diplomatic channels of its decision to terminate it. In that case, the Agreement shall be terminated six (6) months after the other Party has received the said notification.

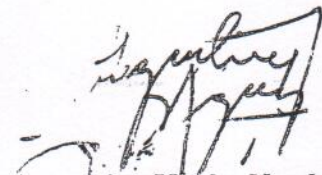
Done in duplicate in Ankara on May 13, 2014, in the Turkish and English languages, each text being equally authentic.

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