

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
ON THE EXEMPTION FROM VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF
DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and separately as a “Party”),

Desiring to further strengthen the bonds of friendship existing between the two countries; and

Wishing to facilitate the entry of the citizens of the Parties, who are holders of valid diplomatic or official passports,

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1

EXEMPTION FROM VISA REQUIREMENTS

(1) Citizens of the State of one Party, who are holders of valid diplomatic or official passports issued by that State, shall be exempted from visa requirement for entry into, stay in, exit from and transit through the territory of the State of the other Party (hereinafter referred to as the “Receiving State”) for a period not exceeding 30 (thirty) days in a single or multiple entry within the period of 12 (twelve) months, provided that they do not carry out paid activity in the Receiving State.

(2) The validity of diplomatic or official passports in the possession of citizens of the State of either Party shall remain extend at least 3 (three) months after the intended date of departure from the territory of the State of the other Party.

Article 2

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be-

- (a) in the case of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and
- (b) in the case of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Home Affairs.

Article 3

ACCREDITED DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR STAFF

Citizens of the State of one Party, who are holders of valid diplomatic or official passports of that State and who are assigned to a diplomatic mission or consular post as well as representatives of international organizations located in the territory of the Receiving State, including their family members belonging to their household, who are holders of diplomatic or official passports shall be required to obtain visas prior to their entry into the territory of the Receiving State for the accreditation. The above-mentioned persons, after the accreditation, may enter, transit through, stay in and exit the territory of the Receiving State without visas during the period of their assignment.

Article 4

MOVEMENT CONTROL

(1) The persons, referred to in Article 1, shall enter and exit the territory of the Receiving State through the points of entry and exit designated for international traffic, subject to the legislation in force in the territory of the Receiving State.

(2) The Parties shall inform each other immediately of any changes in their respective laws and regulations governing the entry and stay of foreigners.

Article 5

LAW ENFORCEMENT

This Agreement shall not exempt the persons, referred to in Article 1, from complying with the legislation in force in the territory of the Receiving State.

Article 6

NOTIFICATION OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

(1) The Parties shall exchange specimens of the diplomatic and official passports through diplomatic channels not later than 30 (thirty) days before the entry into force of this Agreement, including-

- (a) a detailed description of the passports currently in use; and
- (b) information pertaining to the rules of the use of the relevant passports.

(2) A Party shall also transmit to the other Party, through diplomatic channels, specimens of its new or modified diplomatic or official passports, including a detailed description of such documents, at least 30 (thirty) days before they are brought into circulation.

Article 7

REFUSAL OF ENTRY AND ISSUING OF NEW PASSPORT

(1) Each Party reserves the right to refuse the entry into or shorten the stay in the territory of its State of the persons, referred to in Article 1, whom it considers undesirable.

(2) If a citizen of the State of one Party loses his or her diplomatic or official passport in the territory of the State of the other Party-

(a) he or she shall inform the relevant authorities concerned in the Receiving State thereof; and

(b) the Diplomatic Mission or Consulate concerned shall issue a new diplomatic or official passport or travel document to its citizen and inform the relevant authorities of the Receiving State thereof.

Article 8

SUSPENSION

(1) The Parties reserve the right to completely or partially suspend this Agreement, for reasons of national security, public health or public order.

(2) The suspension together with the reasons thereof and termination of such suspension shall be conveyed to the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels. The suspension of this Agreement as well as the termination of the suspension shall enter into force 30 (thirty) days from the date of the receipt of the written notification by the other Party.

(3) The suspension of this Agreement shall not affect the rights of persons, referred to in Article 1, of this Agreement, who are already in the territory of the Receiving State.

Article 9
AMENDMENT

This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties by signing additional Protocols or exchanging diplomatic notes. Such amendment shall enter into force according to the paragraph 1 of Article 11 and shall form an integral part of this Agreement.

Article 10
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation, application or implementation of this Agreement, shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiations between the Parties.

Article 11
ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION

(1) This Agreement shall enter into force 30 (thirty) days from the date of the receipt of the last written notification through diplomatic channels confirming the completion by the Parties of the legal procedures necessary for its entry into force.

(2) This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period of time, unless either Party decides to terminate this Agreement by giving written notification to the other Party through diplomatic channels. The termination shall take effect 90 (ninety) days from the date of the receipt of the written notification of termination by the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, having been duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement in duplicate, in the Lithuanian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the case of arising divergence in interpretation of the application of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

DONE at Pretoria on this 29th day of August, two thousand and twenty two.

**For the Government of the
Republic of Lithuania**

**For the Government of the
Republic of South Africa**
