# AGREEMENT BETWEEN

# THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA AND

# THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN ON THE EXEMPTION OF VISA REQUIREMENT FOR HOLDERS OF SERVICE PASSPORTS

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter referred to in singular as "the Contracting Party" and collectively as "the Contracting Parties").

desirous of promoting their bilateral relations,

considering the interest in strengthening the existing friendly relationship and with a view of facilitating the travel of citizens of both countries, holding service passports,

have agreed as follows:

#### Article 1

Citizens of the State of one Contracting Party, who are holders of valid service passports, and not accredited in the State of other Contracting Party, shall be permitted to enter into, exit from and transit through the territory of the State of other Contracting Party (hereinafter referred to as "the receiving State") at all crossing points on state border opened to the international passengers' traffic without visa.

The above-mentioned citizens of the State of either Contracting Party shall be allowed to stay in the territory of the receiving State up to ninety (90) days in any period of one hundred and eighty (180) days (irrespective of the number of entries).

The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article do not apply to holders of service passports, citizens of the State of either Contracting Party, who are planning to stay in the territory of the State of other Contracting Party for a period longer than that stated in the present Agreement. In those cases, an entry visa and/or a residence permit shall be obtained in compliance with national legislation.

#### Article 2

Citizens of the State of either Contracting Party mentioned in the Article 1 of this Agreement, who are assigned as members of diplomatic missions or consular posts, as well as representatives of international organizations, located in the territory of the receiving State, including their family members, shall be required to obtain appropriate entry visa 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 on and leave the territory of the receiving State without visa during the period of their assignment.

#### Article 3

The validity of service passports of citizens of the State of either Contracting Party shall extend at least three (3) months after the intended date of departure from the territory of the State of other Contracting Party.

#### Article 4

This Agreement shall not affect the obligation of citizens of the State of either Contracting Party, referred to in Articles 1 and 2, to respect the legislation of the receiving State.

### Article 5

This Agreement does not affect the right of the competent authorities of the State of either Contracting Party to refuse entry into or stay in its territory of any citizen of the State of other Contracting Party, who is considered undesirable.

#### Article 6

For reasons of national security, public health or public order each Contracting Party reserves the right to suspend, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this Agreement. The other Contracting Party shall be notified about suspension of implementation of this Agreement through diplomatic channels, not later than seventy-two (72) hours before the entry into effect of such measure.

The suspension of the implementation of this Agreement shall not affect the rights of citizens, referred to in Articles 1 and 2 of this Agreement, who already stay in the territory of the receiving State.

#### Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their valid service passports not later than thirty (30) days after the date of signature of this Agreement.

In case of introduction of a new service passport or modification of the existing one, the Contracting Parties shall convey to each other, through diplomatic channels, specimens of these passports, no later than thirty (30) days before the date of the new passports or modifications enter into force.

## Article 8

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties in the form of additional Protocols or exchange of Diplomatic Notes. These documents shall be considered as an integral part of this Agreement and shall enter into force in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of this Agreement.

#### Article 9

Any differences or disputes arising from the interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by consultations or negotiations between the Contracting Parties through diplomatic channels.

#### Article 10

This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt through diplomatic channels of the last written notification by which the Contracting Parties have formally communicated to each other that their respective internal procedures, necessary for its entry into force, have been completed.

This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period and shall remain in force until the expiration of three (3) months from the date of the receipt by one of the Contracting Parties through diplomatic channels of written notice of termination of the other Contracting Party.

Signed in Vilnius on <u>27</u> October, 2017, in two originals, each one in the Lithuanian, Azerbaijani and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the Republic of Lithuania

For the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan