AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON THE EXEMPTION OF VISA REQUIREMENT FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties"),

Considering the friendly relations between the two countries,

Desiring to further strengthen their friendly relations by facilitating the travels of holders of diplomatic passports of both countries,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

- 1. Nationals of the State of either Contracting Party, who are holders of valid diplomatic passports, shall be exempted from visa requirement for the entry into, stay in, exit from and transit through the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party for a period not exceeding 90 (ninety) days in any period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days.
- 2. The above mentioned exemption of visa requirement applies to the nationals of the State of either Contracting Party, who are holders of valid diplomatic passport, providing they do not undertake any gainful activity in the State of the other Contracting Party.

Article 2

Nationals of the State of either Contracting Party, who are holders of valid diplomatic passports and assigned as members of diplomatic missions or consular posts as well as representatives of international organizations, located in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party, including their family members, shall be required to obtain appropriate entry visa prior to their entry.

Article 3

- 1. Nationals of the State of either Contracting party, specified in Article 1 of this Agreement, may enter or leave the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party at all border crossing points opened to international passengers' traffic.
- 2. The Contracting Parties shall inform each other immediately through diplomatic channels of any changes of their laws and regulations governing the entry, exit and stay of foreigners.

Article 4

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

Article 5

1. This Agreement shall not exempt nationals of the State of either Contracting Party, who are holders of valid diplomatic passports, from the obligation to respect laws and regulations enforced in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party.

2. This Agreement does not affect the right of the competent authorities of the State of either Contracting Party to refuse admission or to shorten the stay in its territory of nationals of the State of the other Contracting Party, specified in Article 1 of this Agreement, who are considered undesirable or likely to endanger public peace, public order, public health or national security.

Article 6

- 1. Either Contracting Party may temporarily suspend, partly or entirely, the implementation of this Agreement for reasons of national security, public order or public health. The introduction and termination of such suspension shall be promptly notified to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels. The suspension as well as the termination of the suspension shall enter into force 48 (forty eight) hours from the date of the receipt of the written notification by the other Contracting Party.
- 2. The suspension of implementation of this Agreement shall not affect the rights of nationals, specified in Article 1 of this Agreement, who are already staying in the territory of the receiving State.

Article 7

- 1. The Contracting Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their diplomatic passports within 30 (thirty) days from the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
- 2. In case of introduction of new diplomatic passports, as well as modifications to the existing ones, the Parties shall transmit the specimens of the said passports and inform about any changes to each other in writing through diplomatic channels not later than 30 (thirty) days prior to their official introduction.

3. In case nationals of the State of either Contracting Party lose or damage their diplomatic passports in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party, they shall immediately inform the competent authorities of the receiving State through diplomatic missions or a consular posts of their nationality. The diplomatic mission or consular post concerned shall issue to the aforementioned persons a new passport or travel document for returning to the country of their nationality, in conformity with the legislation of their country.

Article 8

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

Article 9

- 1. This Agreement shall enter into force after 30 (thirty) days from the date of the receipt of the last written notification in which the Contracting Parties inform each other, through diplomatic channels, that all requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement, as stipulated in their respective internal procedures, have been fulfilled.
- 2. This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period of time, unless either Contracting Party decides to terminate this Agreement by giving written notification to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels. The termination shall take effect 90 (ninety) days after the date of the receipt of the written notification by the other Contracting Party.
- 3. This Agreement may be amended only by mutual written consent of the Contracting Parties. Such amendment shall enter into force according to the paragraph 1 of

this Article and shall form an integral part of this Agreement.

Done at Hanoi on 23 January 2019 in two originals, each in the Lithuanian, Vietnamese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in their interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government

of the Republic of Lithuania

of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

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