

**AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL VISA EXEMPTION  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda and the Government of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties");

With a view to further promoting the friendly relations between their countries and facilitating exchange of visits by their citizens;

Desiring to simplify the entry procedures into their territories for holders of all categories of passports for the citizens of both Contracting Parties;

Having conducted friendly consultations on mutual visa exemption on the basis of equality and reciprocity;

HAVE agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

Citizens of Antigua and Barbuda, holding valid diplomatic, official passports or ordinary passports of Antigua and Barbuda, and citizens of the People's Republic of China, holding valid diplomatic, service passports, passports for public affairs or ordinary passports of the People's Republic of China, shall be exempted from visa requirement for entry into, exit from or transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party, for a single stay not exceeding thirty(30) days within a period not exceeding ninety(90) days in any 180-day-period.

## ARTICLE II

Citizens of either Contracting Party referred to in Article I of this Agreement shall enter into, exit from or transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party through ports open to international traveler and shall adhere to the laws and regulations applicable to non-citizens in respect of entry, exit and transit.

## ARTICLE III

1. Citizens of either Contracting Party shall abide by the laws and regulations in force in the other Contracting Party during their stay in its territory.

2. Citizens of either Contracting Party (excluding whom referred to in Article V of this Agreement) who intend to stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period of more than thirty (30) days or to study, reside, engage in employment, media activities or other activities there which shall be approved in advance by the other Contracting Party's competent authorities, shall apply for the visa before entering the territory of the other Contracting Party.

## ARTICLE IV

Citizens of either Contracting Party, who can not leave within the visa exempted period after entering the other Contracting Party due to force majeure, shall apply to the latter's local competent authorities for extending their period of stay with relevant supporting materials.

## ARTICLE V

Citizens of either Contracting Party holding valid diplomatic or service passports, who are members of a diplomatic or consular mission accredited to the other Contracting Party, as well as their accompanying spouses and underage children holding valid diplomatic or service passports, shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter into, exit from, transit through or stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for the duration of their accreditation, provided

that they have complied with the accreditation requirements of the other Contracting Party within thirty (30) days of their first entry into the territory of the other Contracting Party.

#### ARTICLE VI

Officials at or above vice ministerial level of the central government and officers of or above the rank of major general of the armed forces of either Contracting Party, holding valid diplomatic, service or official passports, shall obtain the prior consent of the other Contracting Party or inform the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels before their travel to the latter's territory for official purposes.

#### ARTICLE VII

This Agreement does not restrict the right of either Contracting Party to prohibit *persona non grata* or unacceptable citizens of the other Contracting Party from entering its territory or terminate their stay in its territory without citing reasons therefore.

#### ARTICLE VIII

Either Contracting Party may temporarily suspend this Agreement partially or wholly on grounds of national security, public order or public health. However, it shall notify the other Contracting Party as soon as possible, in writing in advance, of its intention to suspend the Agreement and subsequently to cancel the suspension through diplomatic channels.

#### ARTICLE IX

1. The Contracting Parties shall complete, through diplomatic channels, the exchange of samples of their passports referred to in Article I of this Agreement within thirty (30) days from the date of signing of this Agreement.
2. If either Contracting Party issues new passport or modifies existing passports, during the period of validity of this Agreement, the relevant Contracting Party shall immediately

notify the other Contracting Party of such changes and provide specimens of the new or modified passport through diplomatic channels, not later than thirty (30) days prior to the date the new or modified passports enter into force.

ARTICLE X

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30) day following the date of the latter's written notification by the Contracting Parties, through diplomatic channels, indicating that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force indefinitely. If either Contracting Party wishes to terminate this agreement, it shall notify the other Contracting Party in writing through diplomatic channels, and this Agreement shall cease to be effective on the ninetieth (90) day following the date of notification.

3. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of the Contracting Parties. The amendment shall enter into force in accordance with paragraph 1 of the same Article.

Hereby confirm that the Agreement is to be signed by the representatives designated by both Governments.

Done in duplicate in                    on                    in the English and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authentic.



For the Government of the  
Antigua and Barbuda

For the Government of the  
People's Republic of China