# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND ON THE EXEMPTION OF VISAS FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

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The Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

Desiring to further promoting friendly relations between the two countries and facilitating the visits of diplomats of the two countries;

Have agreed as follows:

# ARTICLE 1

- 1- Cambodian nationals holding valid Cambodian diplomatic passports who are neither members of diplomatic mission or consular post of the Kingdom of Cambodia in the Kingdom of Thailand nor permanent representatives of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the international organizations in the Kingdom of Thailand, shall be permitted to enter and stay in the Kingdom of Thailand for a period not exceeding (30) thirty days without necessity of obtaining a visa, provided that they shall not take up any employment, be it self-employed or otherwise, in the Kingdom of Thailand.
- 2- Thai nationals holding valid Thai diplomatic passports who are neither members of diplomatic mission or consular post of the Kingdom of Thailand in the Kingdom of Cambodia nor permanent representatives of the Kingdom of Thailand to the international organizations in the Kingdom of Cambodia, shall be permitted to enter and stay in the Kingdom of Cambodia for a period not exceeding (30) thirty days without necessity of obtaining a visa, provided that they shall not take up any employment, be it self-employed or otherwise, in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

## ARTICLE 2

1- Cambodian nationals holding valid Cambodian diplomatic passports who are appointed to accredit as members of diplomatic mission or consular post of the Kingdom of Cambodia in the Kingdom of Thailand

international organizations in the Kingdom of Thailand, as well as their family members holding valid Cambodian diplomatic passports, shall be permitted to enter and stay in the Kingdom of Thailand for a period not exceeding (30) thirty days without necessity of obtaining a visa. Such period of stay shall, upon the request of the Royal Embassy of Cambodia in Bangkok, be extended until the end of their assignment.

2- Thai nationals holding valid Thai diplomatic passports who are appointed to accredit as members of diplomatic mission or consular post of the Kingdom of Thailand in the Kingdom of Cambodia or permanent representatives of the Kingdom of Thailand to the international organizations in the Kingdom of Cambodia, as well as their family members holding valid Thai diplomatic passports, shall be permitted to enter and stay in the Kingdom of Cambodia for a period not exceeding (30) thirty days without necessity of obtaining a visa. Such period of stay shall, upon the request of the Royal Thai Embassy in Phnom Penh, be extended until the end of their assignment.

# ARTICLE 3

The exemption of visa requirements mentioned in Article 1 shall include the exemption of the requirement of an exit permit or transit visa.

# **ARTICLE 4**

Holders of diplomatic passports of either Party may enter the territory of the other Party at all points of entry opened for international passenger traffic.

### ARTICLE 5

The competent authorities of either Party reserve the right to refuse the entry or terminate the stay of any nationals of the other Party considered undesirable or persona non grata.

# ARTICLE 6

For the reasons of public order, security or health, either Party may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement in whole or in part. Such suspension shall be notified to the other Party (30) thirty days in advance through diplomatic channels.

# ARTICLE 7

The Parties shall exchange specimens of diplomatic passports through diplomatic channels. If either Party modifies its diplomatic passports, it shall transmit to the other Party specimens of the new passports (30) thirty days before they are introduced.

# ARTICLE 8

This Agreement may be modified or amended by a written agreement between the Parties.

# ARTICLE 9

This Agreement shall enter into force on the sixtieth day from the date of its signature. If either Party wishes to terminate this Agreement, it shall notify the other Party of its intention in writing through diplomatic channels, and this Agreement shall cease to be effective on the ninetieth day after the date of notification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Bangkok, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2001, in duplicate in Khmer, Thai and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

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