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**HUNGARY
and
MALTA**

**Agreement on the abolition of the visa requirement. Signed
at Budapest on 4 February 1983**

Authentic texts: Hungarian and English.

Registered by Hungary on 26 March 1984.

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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA ON THE ABOLITION OF THE VISA REQUIREMENT

The Government of the Hungarian People's Republic and the Government of the Republic of Malta,

Desiring to strengthen friendly relations between the two States and to facilitate travel by their nationals, thus promoting personal contacts between them,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. (1) Nationals of either Contracting Party holding a valid passport may enter the territory of the other Contracting Party and stay in the said territory for a period of 30 days without a visa for persons holding a normal passport and period of 90 days without visa for persons holding a diplomatic or service passport.

(2) If the citizen of one of the Contracting Parties wishes to stay on the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period exceeding the limits specified in paragraph 1, an application for an extension of the stay should be made to the competent authorities.

(3) The right mentioned in paragraph 1 shall not extend to nationals wishing to enter the territory of the other Contracting Party for purposes of employment or settlement.

Article 2. (1) Persons holding Hungarian or Maltese diplomatic or service passport who are members of the diplomatic, consular or trade mission of either Contracting Party operating or accredited in the territory of the other Contracting Party or who are representatives of either Contracting Party at an international organization with headquarters in the territory of the other Contracting Party or are employed as officers with such an organization may, during the period of their service, stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party without a visa or residence permit.

(2) During the period of service of the persons referred to in paragraph 1, members of their families forming part of their respective households may stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party without a visa or residence permit, provided they are also holders of a Hungarian or Maltese diplomatic or service passport.

Article 3. (1) Nothing in this Agreement shall exempt Hungarian and Maltese nationals staying in the territory of the other Contracting Party from the obligation to observe the laws and regulations in force in the said territory.

(2) Either Contracting Party shall respect the validity of the passports of the other Contracting Party and shall refuse to grant an entry visa or a residence permit to nationals of the other Contracting Party holding a passport which, in

¹ Came into force on 31 July 1983, i.e., the sixtieth day from the date of the exchange of notes (effected on 1 June 1983) confirming its approval, in conformity with the constitutional procedures of the Contracting Parties, in accordance with article 7 (1).

accordance with the laws of their own State, do not authorize the holder to stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party.

(3) Either Contracting Party shall ensure that nationals of the other Contracting Party staying in its territory without permission shall return to their country forthwith and the shortest possible way.

Article 4. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the right of the competent authorities of either Contracting Party to deny undesirable persons permission to enter or stay in the country.

Article 5. Either Contracting Party may, for reasons of public order, public security or public health, suspend the application of this Agreement in whole or in part. Notice of such suspension and its termination shall be communicated in writing to the other Contracting Party forthwith through the diplomatic channel.

Article 6. (1) Either Contracting Party shall, through the diplomatic channel, provide the other Contracting Party with a copy of each of its national passports or other travel documents as soon as possible following the signature of the Agreement but not later than 30 days prior to its entry into force.

(2) Should either Contracting Party issue a new travel document after the entry into force of the Agreement, a specimen thereof shall also be provided for the other Contracting Party.

Article 7. (1) This Agreement is subject to approval by the Contracting Parties in conformity with their constitutional procedures and shall enter into force on the 60th day from the date of exchange of Notes on approval.

(2) This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period and may be denounced at any time. The Agreement shall lose effect three months after written notice of the denunciation made by other Contracting Party through the diplomatic channel has been received.

DONE at Budapest, on 4th of February 1983, in the Hungarian and English languages, the two texts are equally authentic.

For the Government
of the Hungarian People's Republic:

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Government
of the Republic of Malta:

[Signed — Signé]²

¹ Signed by Frigyes Puja — Signé par Frigyes Puja.

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