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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA ON THE ABOLITION OF VISAS

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

Desiring to strengthen the friendly relations between the two States and to facilitate travel by their nationals,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I. 1. Nationals of either Contracting Party, holding a valid passport or other travel document, may enter the territory of the other Contracting Party and stay in the said territory for a period of three months without a visa.

2. Paragraph 1 of this article shall not apply to nationals of either Contracting Party wishing to enter the territory of the other Contracting Party to practice a definite profession or for purpose of settlement.

Article II. Members of the diplomatic, consular, trade or other official representation of either Contracting Party, holders of Bulgarian or Maltese diplomatic or service passport, during their stay of service, as well as the members of their families living with them for the same period, may stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party without an entry visa.

Article III. 1. Either Contracting Party shall grant entry visas to experts, sent under contracts between the two countries, for more than three months, as well as to the members of their families, with the least possible delay.

2. Upon their arrival the said persons in paragraph 1 shall be provided within one month with multiple exit-entry visas, valid for up to one year and with identity cards in accordance with local legislation, valid until the expiry of their labour contract. The identity cards shall be valid for the whole territory of the country, with the exception of the officially prohibited zones.

3. When necessary, the stay permit may be extended by the competent authorities of either Contracting Party, with the written consent of the diplomatic or consular representation of the other Contracting Party.

Article IV. The provisions of this Agreement shall not exempt the nationals of either Contracting Party, staying in the territory of the other Contracting Party from the obligation to observe its legislation.

Article V. 1. Nationals of either Contracting Party who have lost their passports on the territory of the other Contracting Party shall be obliged to report the loss to the local competent authorities, which shall issue them a document, confirming their report. On the basis of such a document the diplomatic or consular representation of the country to which the citizens belong shall issue them a travel docu-

¹ Came into force on 28 September 1984, i.e., 60 days after the date of receipt (on 25 April and on 30 July 1984) of the second of the notifications by which the Contracting Parties had informed each other of its approval, in accordance with article IX (1).

ment, enabling them to leave the territory of the other Contracting Party in accordance with the requirements of its legislation.

2. When a Contracting Party not having either diplomatic or consular representation on the territory of the other Contracting Party, consular services, including the issue of a provisional travel document, will be provided by the competent authorities of the receiving country.

Article VI. Either Contracting Party can deny the entry or suspend the sojourn on its territory of persons whom it considers unacceptable or undesirable.

Article VII. Either Contracting Party may, for reasons of public security or public health, suspend temporarily the application of this Agreement, in whole or in part, immediately notifying in writing the other Contracting Party.

Article VIII. Either Contracting Party shall provide the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels, with samples of its national passports for abroad or other travel documents.

Article IX. 1. The present Agreement is concluded for an unlimited period of time and shall enter into force sixty days from the date of receipt of the Second Note with which the Contracting Parties shall inform each other of its approval by the competent authorities.

2. The effect of this Agreement can be terminated with a written notification made three months in advance by either Contracting Party.

DONE at Valletta on 30th March, 1984, in duplicate, in the Bulgarian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

[Signed]

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