

**No. 33700**

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**ISRAEL  
and  
LATVIA**

**Agreement on the waiver of the visa requirement for the  
holders of diplomatic or service passports. Signed at  
Riga on 1 March 1996**

*Authentic texts: Hebrew, Latvian and English.*

*Registered by Israel on 14 April 1997.*

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**ISRAËL  
et  
LETTONIE**

**Accord relatif à la suppression de la formalité de visa pour  
les titulaires d'un passeport diplomatique ou de service.  
Signé à Riga le 1<sup>er</sup> mars 1996**

*Textes authentiques : hébreu, lettonien et anglais.*

*Enregistré par Israël le 14 avril 1997.*

AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF  
ISRAEL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LAT-  
VIA ON THE WAIVER OF THE VISA REQUIREMENT FOR THE  
HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC OR SERVICE PASSPORTS

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Republic of Latvia (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties"),

Desirous of strengthening the friendly relations between the two countries,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Citizens of the State of Israel and the Republic of Latvia, respectively, who are holders of valid national diplomatic or service passports, shall be exempt from visa requirements for entry into, stay, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party at the border-crossing points designated for international travel, for a maximum period of ninety (90) days. Upon the request in writing by the diplomatic mission or consular post of the Contracting Party whose citizens the passport holders are, the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party may extend that exemption for those passport holders.

Article 2

1. Citizens of the States of the Contracting Parties - holders of diplomatic or service passports, who are members of a diplomatic mission or a consular office of one State in the territory of the other State may stay in the territory of the other State for the period of their assignment without visas.

2. The same arrangements apply to family members forming part of the household of persons mentioned in paragraph 1 above, provided they are holders of diplomatic or service passports.

Article 3

Persons specified in Art. 1 and 2 may cross borders at any border crossing point designed for international travel.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 14 December 1996 by notification, in accordance with article 5.

## Article 4

1. The Contracting Parties shall exchange through diplomatic channels valid specimens of the travel documents specified in Art. 1 thirty (30) days before the entry of the present Agreement into force at the latest.

2. In the event of any changes in the valid travel documents, a Contracting Party shall send the new specimens, together with information on the applicability of the documents, to the other Contracting Party, through diplomatic channels, thirty days before their introduction, at the latest.

## Article 5

The present Agreement shall enter into force ninety (90) days from the date of the second of the diplomatic Notes by which the Contracting Parties shall notify each other of the fulfillment of their domestic requirements for the entering into force of the present Agreement.

## Article 6

The present Agreement is concluded for an unlimited period. It may be terminated by either Contracting Party by giving written notice through diplomatic channels. The Agreement shall cease to be valid ninety (90) days from the date of the written notification on termination to the other Contracting Party.

Done at Riga, on the 1/3 1996, which corresponds to the 10th of Adar 5756, in the Hebrew, Latvian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government  
of the State of Israel:

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*Tova Herzel*

For the Government  
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