

AGREEMENT

between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Singapore on the conditions of mutual exemption from visa requirements for holders of diplomatic and service/official passports

The Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Singapore, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",
guided by the desire to strengthen friendly ties between the two States,
willing to facilitate mutual visits of nationals of the Russian Federation holding valid diplomatic or service passports and nationals of the Republic of Singapore holding valid diplomatic or official passports,
have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Nationals of the State of either Party holding valid diplomatic or service/official passports shall, subject to any conditions provided for in this Agreement, be permitted to enter into the territory of the State of the other Party, exit from the territory of the State of the other Party, transit through the territory of the State of the other Party and continuously stay in the territory of the State of the other Party without visas for a period not exceeding 90 days from the date of entry provided that such stay shall not be used for purposes of engaging in employment, study or any kind of gainful activities.

Article 2

Nationals of the State of either Party holding valid diplomatic or service/official passports and intending to enter into the territory of the State of the other Party and stay there for a period exceeding 90 days or for the purpose of

employment, study or engagement in any kind of gainful activity shall obtain visas or appropriate permissions in accordance with the laws and regulations of the host State prior to their arrival into its territory.

Article 3

1. Nationals of the State of either Party holding valid diplomatic or service/official passports who are appointed to a diplomatic mission, consular office or accredited representatives of their States in international organizations located in the territory of the State of the other Party may enter into the territory of the State of this Party, exit from the territory of the State of this Party, transit through the territory of the State of this Party and stay in the territory of the State of this Party without visas throughout their accreditation period.

2. During the period of accreditation of persons mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article the regulations established for such persons in accordance with that paragraph shall also apply to their family members forming part of their households provided that such family members have valid diplomatic or service/official passports. In such case, for the purposes of this Agreement the term "family member" shall apply to the nationals of the Russian Federation and the nationals of the Republic of Singapore and refer to the spouses of persons, mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article, and their unmarried children under the age of 21 years.

3. The diplomatic mission of the sending Party shall in writing and through diplomatic channels inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of the host Party of the arrival and final departure of persons mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article. A notification of arrival shall be given not later than 30 days after the date of entry.

Article 4

Nationals of the State of either Party holding valid diplomatic or service/official passports shall enter into the territory of the State of the other Party, exit from the territory of the State of the other Party or transit through the territory of the State of the other Party through checkpoints authorized as points of entry, exit or transit for international passenger traffic.

Article 5

Nationals of the State of either Party holding valid diplomatic or service/official passports shall be obliged to respect the laws and regulations of the State of the other Party throughout their stay in the territory of the State of this Party.

Article 6

1. Should a valid diplomatic or service/official passport held by a national of the State of either Party be lost or damaged in the territory of the State of the other Party, the holder of the passport shall immediately and through a diplomatic mission or a consular office of this Party notify thereof the competent authorities of the State of the host Party. The competent authorities of the State of the host Party shall issue a report, free of charge, confirming the notification of loss or damage of the passport.

2. A diplomatic mission or a consular office of the State of the Party of nationality of the holder of lost or damaged diplomatic or service/official passport shall issue such person a travel document and notify thereof the competent authorities of the host Party. The travel document that shall be issued for a national of the Russian Federation is a Certificate of Return to the Russian Federation, and the travel document that shall be issued for a national of the Republic of Singapore is a Document of Identity.

3. The exit with the newly issued travel document mentioned in paragraph 2 of this Article shall not require visa or other authorization of the competent authorities of the host State.

Article 7

Nationals of the State of one Party accorded the privilege of visa waiver under Article 1 of this Agreement who are unable to leave the territory of the State of the other Party within the authorized period of their stay due to force majeure (illness, natural disaster, etc. where there are no reasonable means for their return), may be entitled to extend, without being charged any relevant fees, the validity period of their permissions to stay in the territory of the State of the Receiving Party in accordance with the legislation of the State of the Receiving Party for a period necessary for them to return to the State of their nationality and provided further that the reasons are corroborated with documents.

Article 8

This Agreement shall not limit the right of either Party to refuse the entry into the territory of the State of the Party or terminate the stay in the territory of its State of any nationals of the State of the other Party holding valid diplomatic or service/official passports, whom it may consider undesirable persons, without any explanation.

Article 9

1. Either Party may temporarily suspend this Agreement wholly or partially for reasons of national security, public order or public health. Such suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Party through diplomatic channels.

2. The Party that has decided to suspend this Agreement as envisaged in paragraph 1 of this Article, shall immediately notify the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels of the resumption of this Agreement.

3. The suspension of this Agreement in whole or in part shall not affect nationals of a Party who had been granted entry into and who are already present in the territory of the other Party without a visa under Article 1 and 3 of this Agreement at the point of suspension of this Agreement.

Article 10

1. The Parties shall exchange the specimens of valid diplomatic and service/official passports, the Certificate of Return to the Russian Federation and the Document of Identity of the Republic of Singapore as well as the descriptions of such documents, through diplomatic channels within 30 days from the date of the signing of this Agreement.

2. The Parties shall inform each other of the introduction of new or amended valid diplomatic and service/official passports and furnish the specimens of new or amended valid diplomatic and service/official passports through diplomatic channels at least 30 days prior to the date of the introduction of new or amended passports.

Article 11

This Agreement may be amended by a written agreement between the Parties. Amendments shall enter into force 30 days after the date of the receipt of the last written notification of the fulfillment by the Parties of domestic procedures necessary for the amendments to enter into force.

Article 12

Disputes concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled by the Parties in a friendly manner on the basis of consultations.

Article 13

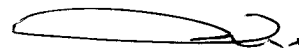
1. This Agreement shall enter into force 45 days after the date of its signing.

2. This Agreement shall be of indefinite duration. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by sending the other Party a written notification through diplomatic channels. This Agreement shall be terminated 30 days after the date of receipt of such notification by the other Party.

Done in Moscow on "17" November 2015 in two copies, each in the Russian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
RUSSIAN FEDERATION



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE