

**Agreement  
between  
the Republic of Estonia  
and  
the Republic of Belarus  
regulating certain aspects of entry, stay and exit of persons**

The Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Belarus, hereinafter referred to as the Parties, aiming at further strengthening of relations between Estonia and Belarus, desiring to establish favorable conditions for one Party on the territory of the other Party, have agreed as following:

**Article 1**

1. This Agreement shall govern the entry, stay and exit of persons who have a legal basis for staying in the territory of the other Party.

2. This Agreement shall be applied to the extent not regulated by Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code).

**Article 2**

1. Estonian diplomatic missions and consular posts shall issue short-term visas to the citizens of the Republic of Belarus and stateless persons who reside on the territory of the Republic of Belarus on the terms described in the Regulation (EC) no 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code).

2. Belarussian diplomatic missions and consular posts shall issue visas entitling the citizens of the Republic of Estonia and persons with undetermined citizenship who are holders of the Estonian alien's passport

and are residents of the Republic of Estonia to stay on the territory of the Republic of Belarus for a period not exceeding 180 days within a year and no longer than 90 days in every six months from the date of first entry.

### **Article 3**

1. The citizens of the Republic of Belarus and stateless persons residing on the territory of the Republic of Belarus do not have an obligation to register their stay on the territory of the Republic of Estonia in the case they visit the Republic of Estonia on the base of the visa.

2. The citizens of the Republic of Estonia and persons with undetermined citizenship who are holders of the Estonian alien's passport and are residents of the Republic of Estonia shall be exempted from registration on the territory of the Republic of Belarus for a period of stay up to 30 days from the date of entry, provided that they have a migration card issued and duly filled in at the entry to the Republic of Belarus.

### **Article 4**

1. Citizens of the Republic of Belarus and stateless persons residing on the territory of the Republic of Belarus in case of loss of their documents intended for travelling abroad can leave the Republic of Estonia with a valid re-entry certificate of the Republic of Belarus without an exit visa.

2. Citizens of the Republic of Estonia and persons with undetermined citizenship who are holders of the Estonian alien's passport and are residents of the Republic of Estonia in case of loss of their travel documents can leave the Republic of Belarus with a valid travel document permitting return to the Republic of Estonia without an exit visa.

### **Article 5**

1. The citizens of the Republic of Belarus residing on the territory of the Republic of Estonia and holding a valid residence permit or a right of residence issued by the Republic of Estonia shall exit from and re-entry

into the territory of the Republic of Estonia without visa provided that they have a valid residence permit card and a valid document intended for travelling abroad.

2. The citizens of the Republic of Estonia residing on the territory of the Republic of Belarus shall exit from and re-entry into the territory of the Republic of Belarus without visa on the basis of the residence permit issued by a competent authority of the Republic of Belarus and a valid travel document.

### **Article 6**

This Agreement may be amended or revised by mutual consent of the Parties. Such amendments or revisions shall form an integral part of this Agreement.

### **Article 7**

Any controversies arising from the interpretation and implementation of this Agreement shall be settled by consultations and negotiations.

### **Article 8**

1. This Agreement shall enter into force from the date of the receipt of the last written notification via diplomatic channels on the completion by the Parties of the internal procedures, necessary for its entry into force.

2. This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period. Each of the Parties may terminate it by notifying the other Party in writing via diplomatic channels. This Agreement shall be void six months after the date of the receipt of such notification.

3. Each Party may suspend the implementation of this Agreement in whole or in part. Notice of such suspension shall be forwarded to the other Party 15 days in advance through diplomatic channels.

4. The Party that took the decision on suspension of the implementation of this Agreement shall notify the other Party on the resumption of the implementation of this Agreement in the same order.

Done at Minsk on 20 April 2016 in two originals, each in the Estonian, Belarusian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

In case of divergence of interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement the English text shall prevail.

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