

**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
ESTONIA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF  
KUWAIT  
ON  
VISA EXEMPTION FOR  
HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS**

The Government of the Republic of Estonia and The Government of the State of Kuwait, hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”,

With a view to promoting friendly relations between the two nations and to facilitating travels of their nationals;

Have agreed as follows:

### **Article 1**

1. Holders of valid diplomatic passports of the Republic of Estonia shall not require to obtain a visa to enter, exit, transit through and stay in the State of Kuwait for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days during a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date of their entry, provided that they shall not take up any employment, be it self-employment, or any other private activity in the State of Kuwait.
2. Holders of valid diplomatic passports of the State of Kuwait shall not require to obtain a visa to enter, exit, transit through and stay in the Republic of Estonia for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days during a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date of their entry, provided that they shall not take up any employment, be it self-employment or any other private activity in the Republic of Estonia.

### **Article 2**

1. Holders of valid diplomatic passports of the Republic of Estonia who are assigned as members of the diplomatic mission or consular post of the Republic of Estonia or who are representatives of the Republic of Estonia to an international organization in the State of Kuwait, as well as their family members holding valid diplomatic passports of the Republic of Estonia, may enter, stay and exit the State of Kuwait without obtaining a visa during the term of their assignment provided that they have been accredited by the State of Kuwait. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the accrediting State should be notified of their arrival by means of a note as soon as possible.

2. Holders of valid diplomatic passports of the State of Kuwait who are assigned as members of the diplomatic mission or consular post of the State of Kuwait or who are representatives of the State of Kuwait to an international organization in the Republic of Estonia, as well as their family members holding valid diplomatic passports of the State of Kuwait, may enter, stay and exit the Republic of Estonia without obtaining a visa during the term of their assignment provided that they have been accredited by the Republic of Estonia. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the accrediting State should be notified of their arrival by means of a note as soon as possible.

### **Article 3**

Nationals of either Party entitled to visa exemption under the provisions of Articles 1 and 2 of this Agreement may enter, transit through or exit the territory of the other Party at any border crossing point open for international passenger.

### **Article 4**

1. The Agreement does not affect the obligations of nationals of either Party to abide by the laws and regulations in force in the territory of the other Party.
2. The Parties shall inform each other immediately of any changes in their respective laws and regulations governing the entry, travel and stay of foreigners.

### **Article 5**

Competent authorities of each Party shall have the right to refuse entry or terminate the stay of any person entitled to visa exemption under this Agreement on the grounds of public order, national security or public health.

### **Article 6**

For the reasons of maintaining public order, national security or public health, either Party may suspend application of this Agreement in whole or in Part. The other Party shall be informed by written notification of suspension thirty (30) days in advance through diplomatic channels.

### **Article 7**

1. The Parties shall provide each other, through diplomatic channels, with specimens of their valid diplomatic passports at least thirty (30) days prior to the entry into force of this Agreement.
2. In case of introduction by either Party of new diplomatic passports, such Party shall provide the other Party, through diplomatic channels, with specimens of the new passports at least thirty (30) days prior to their introduction.

### **Article 8**

Any disputes arising out of the implementation or application of this Agreement shall be settled by negotiation and consultation between the Parties.

## **Article 9**

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the sixtieth (60) day from the date of receiving the last written notification by which the Parties have notified each other, through diplomatic channels, that their respective internal procedures for the entry into force of this Agreement have been completed.
2. This Agreement shall be amended with the consent of both Parties. This amendment shall enter into force according to the procedures mentioned in the previous paragraph of this Article.
3. This Agreement shall be valid for an indefinite period of time unless it is terminated by either Party giving ninety (90) days prior written notice, through diplomatic channels, to the effect to the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective Governments thereto, have signed this Agreement,

Done at New York, on this 25th day of September 2015, in two originals, each in Estonian, Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence, the English text shall prevail.

**For**  
**The Government**  
**of the Republic of Estonia**

**For**  
**The Government**  
**of the State of Kuwait**

**Marina Kaljurand**  
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