

# **SOLOMON ISLANDS GAZETTE**

NO. 260

Thursday 1st September

2022

## **EXTRA-ORDINARY GAZETTE**

[626]

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS ON THE VISA EXEMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC, SERVICE AND SPECIAL PASSPORTS

The Government of the Kingdom of Morocco and The Government of Solomon Islands

Hereafter referred to as "the Parties";

Considering their interest to promote friendly relations between the two Countries;

Desiring to facilitate the movement of their holding diplomatic, service or special passports; Pursuant to the prevailing laws and regulations of the respective countries;

Have agreed as follows:

#### Article 1

Nationals of the Kingdom of Morocco, holding valid diplomatic, service or special passports of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Nationals of Solomon Islands, holding valid diplomatic or official passports of the Government of Solomon Islands, shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter into, transit through, stay in or leave the territory of the other Party for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days from the date of their entry.

### **Article 2**

Nationals of either Party referred to in Article 1, who are assigned as members of diplomatic mission, a consular post or international organization in the territory of the other Party, as well as their members who live with them in the same household and holding valid diplomatic service or special passports may not be required to obtain a visa to enter into, transit through, stay in or leave the territory of the other Party for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days. Such period shall, upon the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Embassy of either Party be extended until the end of their assignment.

#### Article 3

- 1. This Agreement shall not exempt nationals of either Party, holding the passports referred to in Article 1 and 2 from the obligation to observe the laws and regulations in force in the territory of the other Party, relating to the entry, travel and stay of foreigners, and the performance of the lucrative activities, as well as the international conventions in force between the two Parties in connection these matters.
- 2. Each Party has the right to refuse the admission of entry or shorten the duration or end the stay in its territory to any undesired person or likely to endanger public peace, public order, public health or national security.

#### **Article 4**

Each Party can partially or totally suspend the implementation of this Agreement for reasons relating to the public order, security or public health. It undertakes to convey, through diplomatic channels, a written notice to the other Party about the suspension of this Agreement and subsequently the cancellation of such suspension.

### Article 5

- 1. The Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, within thirty (30) days after the signing of this Agreement the specimens of their valid passports, as well as information concerning their application.
- 2. The Parties shall exchange written notices, through diplomatic channels, about any modification concerning the passports and provide specimens of their new passports at least sixty (60) days prior to its introduction. They shall also inform each other about any modification concerning the laws and regulations governing the entry, travel and stay of foreigners in their respective countries.

#### Article 6

The present Agreement may be amended at any time by means of exchange of notes by the Parties after consultation. Such amendment shall be effective on the date to be agreed upon by them.

#### Article 7

Any dispute, which may arise out of the implementation of this Agreement, shall be settled through negotiation between the two Parties.

#### Article 8

The Present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force for an indefinite period. If either Party wishes to terminate the present Agreement, it shall notify the other Party of its intention in writing through diplomatic channels. The present Agreement shall cease to be effective on the ninetieth day after

de date of notification.

Done at Canberra on 27 May 2021, in two originals in Arabic and English languages, both texts being equally authentic, in the event of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For The Government of the Kingdom of Morocco

For The Government of Solomon Islands

KARIM MEDREK

ROBERT SISILO

Ambassador of His Majesty the King

High Commissioner for Solomon Islands