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## EXTRA-ORDINARY GAZETTE

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### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES ON EXEMPTION OF ENTRY VISA REQUIREMENTS**

**The Government of Solomon Islands and the Government of the United Arab  
Emirate (hereafter jointly referred to as the “Parties”)**

Desiring to develop the bilateral relations and strengthen the existing cooperation  
between the two countries,

Confirming their willingness to exempt the nationals of their two countries from entry  
visa requirements to enter each other’s territory,

Taking into account the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and the  
Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963,

Have Agreed as follows:

#### **ARTICLE 1**

The national of the two countries who are holders of the following passports shall be  
exempt fro visa requirements;

(a) For nationals of the United Arab Emirate; diplomatic, special, ordinary and  
services passports, which are still valid for a period of not less than six months,

(b) For the nationals of the Government of Solomon Islands; diplomatic, official  
and ordinary passport, which are still valid for a period of not lass than six months.

#### **ARTICLE 2**

1. Each Party shall allow the other Party’s nationals who are holders of the passports  
specified in Article 1 to enter in, exit from and transit through its territory without an  
entry visa and free of charge.

2. Each Party shall allow the nationals of the other Party who are holders of the  
passports specified in Article 1 to stay in its territory without an entry visa for a

maximum period of 90 days.

### **ARTICLE 3**

1. In case either Party appoints any of its nationals to its diplomatic missions or consular posts to the other Party, it shall notify the other Party of this appointment upon the appointee's arrival to its territory and his/her final departure from the territory of the other Party.
2. Nationals of one Party who are holders of valid diplomatic or official passports who are accredited to the diplomatic missions or consular posts in the territory of the other Party shall be exempt from visa requirements to enter in, exit from, transit through or stay in the territory of the other Party for the entire period of their official mission.
3. The exemption from visa requirements mentioned in paragraph 2 of this Article shall also apply to the members of the household accompanying the member of a diplomatic mission or a consular post provided that they hold valid diplomatic passport of the sending Party.
4. The diplomats and their families, referred to in the paragraphs (2) and (3) shall apply for the residence permit, according to the applicable domestic regulations of each hosting country.

### **ARTICLE 4**

1. The two Parties shall exchange specimens of their passports which are specified in Article 1, through diplomatic channels, before enter into force of this MOU.
2. In case either Party introduces any amendments to its passports, it shall provide the other Party with specimens of these new passports before their introduction date.
3. Both Parties shall notify each other in case of introducing any amendments to their domestic laws and regulations pertaining to the passports specified in Article 1 prior to the entry into force of such amendments.

### **ARTICLE 5**

Nationals of the Party who are holders of valid passports specified in Article (1) are not entitled to work in any job or to study in the territory of the other Party unless they obtain a permission in accordance with the relevant laws and regulation applicable in the host country.

### **ARTICLE 6**

1. Nationals of each Party may enter the territory of the other Party only through the border points designated for international passenger traffic.
2. Nationals of each Party who are holders of the passports specified in Article (1)

shall comply with the laws and regulations in force in the territory of the other Party throughout the duration of their stay.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

1. Each Party has the right to deny the entry or stay in its territory of any holders of the passports specified in Article (1) that it may consider persona non grata or undesirable.
2. In case the passport of a national of one Party is lost or damaged in the territory of the other Party, he/she shall inform the competent authority of that Party so that it can take the appropriate action. The concerned diplomatic mission or consular post of the first Party shall issue a new passport or travel document to its citizens in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations and shall inform the concerned authorities of the host Party.

#### **ARTICLE 8**

Both Parties shall express their readiness to ensure the highest level of security for their passports and travel documents against forgery. They shall take into account the minimum security standards for machine-readable travel documents recommended by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

This Memorandum of Understanding does not affect the rights and obligations of the two Parties arising from international conventions and agreements to which either or both of them are Parties.

#### **ARTICLE 10**

Any disputes arising in connection with the interpretation and implementation of this MOU shall be settled amicably by diplomatic channels.

#### **ARTICLE 11**

1. Any amendments to this Memorandum of Understanding shall be mutually agreed upon by the two Parties through the exchange of official notes through diplomatic channels.
2. Such amendments shall enter into force as provided for Article (12) of this Memorandum of Understanding.
3. Either Party may suspend the application of this Memorandum of Understanding, either wholly or partially, for reasons of national security, public order or public health. Any such suspension, shall be immediately communicated to the other Party through diplomatic channels. Taking into consideration that this suspension shall not affect the citizens of the two countries who reside in the territory of the other Party.

**ARTICLE 12**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force 30 (days) days after the date of signing.

2. This Memorandum of Understanding has been concluded for an unlimited duration. Each contracting Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding upon written notification communicated by diplomatic channels. In such event, the Memorandum of Understanding shall expire after 90(ninety) days fro the date the other Contracting Party receives a notification of termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Contracting Parties, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done in Dubai, this Friday of October 20, 2017 in duplicate, each in the English and Arabic languages, all tests being equally authentic. In case of divergence in the interpretation of this Memorandum of Understanding, the English text shall prevail.

For The Government  
of Solomon Islands

**HON. MILNER TOZAKA**  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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For The Government of  
the United Arab Emirate

**HER ROYAL HIGHNESS REEM AL HASHIMY**  
Minister of State and International Cooperation of UAE

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