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**Accord entre le Gouvernement de la République de Turquie et le Gouvernement de la République gabonaise relatif à l'exemption des visas pour les titulaires de passeports diplomatiques, de service, special ou officiel. Ankara, 12 mai 2015**

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**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GABONESE REPUBLIC**

**ON**

**EXEMPTION OF VISAS FOR DIPLOMATIC, SERVICE, SPECIAL AND OFFICIAL  
PASSPORT HOLDERS**

The Government of the Republic of Turkey on the one hand

And

The Government of the Gabonese Republic, on the other;

Hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

Desiring to strengthen their ties of cooperation and friendly relations;

Desirous of facilitating travel for citizens of both countries holders of diplomatic, service, special or official passport;

Have agreed as follows:

#### **ARTICLE 1**

The following types of passports shall fall within the scope of this Agreement:

In the Republic of Turkey: diplomatic, service or special passports

In the Gabonese Republic: diplomatic, service or official passports

#### **ARTICLE 2**

1. This Agreement shall apply to valid diplomatic, service, special or official passports of the two Parties.

2. The validity of diplomatic, service, special or official passports of the nationals of the Parties shall be three (3) months prior to entering into the territory of the other Party.

#### **ARTICLE 3**

Nationals of either Party holding valid passports mentioned in Article (1) of this Agreement shall be exempt from the visa requirement for entering into the territory of the other Party; transit, exit and stay for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days during a period of six (6) months (180 days) from the date of first entry.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

1. Nationals of either Party holding diplomatic, service, special or official passports and serving in diplomatic missions, consular posts or accredited missions to international organizations located in the territory of the other Party, shall be exempt from visa requirement to enter into, transit through, exit from and stay in the territory of the other Party during their term of office.

2. The provisions of the first paragraph of this Article shall also apply to the families and dependents of the members holding valid diplomatic, service, special or official passports.
3. Notification by international organizations for the appointment of nationals of the Parties is deemed sufficient for the implementation of the first paragraph of this Article.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

Nationals of either Party, who are the members of an official delegation and holders of valid diplomatic, service, special or official passports, shall be exempt from visa requirement to enter into, transit through, exit from and stay in the territory of the other Party for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days during a period of six (6) months (180 days) from the date of first entry.

#### **ARTICLE 6**

1. Nationals of each Party may enter into, transit through and exit from the territory of the other Party using the border crossings designated for international passenger traffic.
2. While crossing the State borders, nationals of each Party are obliged to comply with the rules and procedures laid down in the national legislation of the other Party.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

1. Nationals of either Party, in the event of loss or deterioration of their valid passports during their stay in the territory of the other Party, shall exit from the territory of that State with new valid passports or travel documents issued by a diplomatic or consular mission of the country of their nationality, without a visa or other permit from the competent authorities of the Receiving State.
2. Nationals of either Party who are not able to exit from the territory of the other Party within the period specified in Article 3 of this Agreement due to exceptional circumstances (illness or natural disaster) and have documentary evidence or other reliable proof of such circumstances, may apply to the competent authorities to extend their stay in the territory of the other Party for an appropriate period needed to return to the country of their nationality or that of their permanent residence.

## ARTICLE 8

1. With the exclusion of conclusion of an Agreement on the employment of the family members of nationals of either Party, members of diplomatic missions and consular posts in the territory of the other Party, visa exemption does not grant the right to work or to engage in any gainful profession to the nationals of the Parties.

2. The long-term stay (over 90 days) in the territory of each Party shall be subject to the legislation of the Parties.

## ARTICLE 9

1. The Parties shall exchange through diplomatic channels specimens of their passports stated in Article 1, sixty (60) days at the latest before the entry into force of this Agreement.

2. In case of modification of the existing passports mentioned in Article 1 or the introduction of a new passport by a Party, the latter shall transmit to the other Party through diplomatic channels a specimen of such passports sixty (60) days before their circulation. Any amendment to Article 1 shall enter into force under the same legal procedure described in Articles 12 and 13 of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 10

Each Party has the right to deny the entry into its territory of the nationals of the other Party or shorten the period of their stay in the country by stating reasons.

## ARTICLE 11

1. Each Party may temporarily suspend the implementation of the provisions this Agreement wholly or partially, under extraordinary circumstances, in particular for the reasons of public health, maintaining public order, ensuring public safety or national security, after the notification duly made through diplomatic channels.

2. The decision to suspend or re-implementation of this Agreement by either Party shall be notified to the other Party through diplomatic channels thirty (30) days before the entry into force of the decision.

## ARTICLE 12

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled through diplomatic channels.