



**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

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The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Ghana (hereinafter referred to as "Contracting Parties");

Desirous of further promoting the friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries;

With the intention of facilitating travels of citizens of both countries holding diplomatic passports;

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

This Agreement is only applicable to valid diplomatic passports of both Contracting Parties.

**Article 2**

1. Citizens of each Contracting Party holding valid diplomatic passports shall be exempted from visa requirement to enter into, transit through, exit and stay temporarily in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days within any one hundred and eighty (180) days period, commencing from the date of first entry.

2. The stay in the territory of each Contracting Party by the citizens of the other Contracting Party over the period indicated in the first paragraph of this Article (i.e. 90 days) is subject to the national legislation of the Contracting Party.

3. Citizens of each Contracting Party wishing to stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party beyond the period of visa exemption (90 days) shall apply for the relevant visas to the diplomatic and consular missions of the other Contracting Party.

**Article 3**

1. Citizens of each Contracting Party, holding valid diplomatic passports, who are appointed to the diplomatic, consular missions or representations of international organizations accredited in the territory of the other Contracting Party, shall be exempted from visa requirement to enter into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party for the period of their assignments.

2. The provisions of the first paragraph of this Article shall also be applied to the members of their families and their dependents, holding valid diplomatic, special and ordinary passports.

#### Article 4

Citizens of each Contracting Party, who are not in a position to exit from the territory of the other Contracting Party within the period specified in the first paragraph of Article (2) of this agreement due to exceptional circumstances (illness or natural disaster) and have documentary or other reliable evidence of such circumstances, may apply to the relevant authorities for the permit to extend their stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for an appropriate period needed to return to the country of their citizenship or their permanent residence.

#### Article 5

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

#### Article 6

1. With the exclusion of the conclusion of an agreement on the employment of family members of the diplomatic, consular missions or representations of international organizations accredited in the territory of the other Contracting Party, visa exemption does not grant the right with work to the citizens of the Contracting Parties.
2. Annotated visas regulating work, study, research, education, family reunion and long term residence (**over 90 days**) in the territory of each Contracting Party are subject to the provisions of the national legislation of the Contracting Parties.

#### Article 7

1. The Contracting Parties shall exchange through diplomatic channels specimens of the valid passports stated in Article (1), no later than sixty (60) days following the entry into force of this Agreement.
2. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other through diplomatic channels of any changes in the existing travel documents mentioned in Article (1) and deliver the specimens of these **passports** sixty (60) days prior to their circulation.

#### Article 8

Each Contracting Party has the right to deny the entry into its territory of the citizens of the other Contracting Party citizens or shorten the period of their stay in the country, with stated reasons which should not be contested by the sending Party.

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1. Each Contracting Party shall also notify the other contracting party about its decision to re-implement this Agreement through diplomatic channels within seventy-two (72) hours.

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Article 10

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

Article 11

This Agreement shall be amended by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties through the exchange of notes, which shall be regarded as the integral part of this Agreement. The exchanged notes shall enter into force according to the same legal procedure prescribed under the first paragraph of Article (12).

Article 12

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of the receipt of the last notification by which the Contracting Parties notify each other of the completion of internal legal procedures that are necessary for its entering into force.

2. This Agreement is of unlimited duration and shall remain valid unless one of the Contracting Parties notifies the other Party in written form through diplomatic channels of its decision to terminate it. In that case, the Agreement shall be terminated six (6) months after the other Party has received the said notification.

In witness thereof, the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective Governments have signed this Agreement.

Done in Accra on **24th of March, 2011**, in two copies in Turkish and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.



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