

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

AND

THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES

ON

THE SHORT-STAY

VISA WAIVER

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the Republic of Ghana, hereinafter referred to as "Ghana" and the Republic of Seychelles, hereinafter referred to as "Seychelles".

Hereinafter referred separately as "Party" and jointly as "the Parties":

DESIROUS of developing friendly relations between the two countries with a view to promote trade and economic development and facilitating the movement of citizens between Ghana and Seychelles.

CONSIDERING that the citizens of Ghana are exempted from the visa requirement when travelling to Seychelles for a period of up to one month, which can be extended for a period of up to three months;

HAVING UNDERTAKEN friendly consultations;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1

- (1) The exemption of visa requirements between Ghana and Seychelles are hereby established for the citizens of the Parties, holders of valid diplomatic, or service/official passports.
- (2) The duration of the stay in the territory of one Party during each visit shall not exceed sixty (60) days. The cumulative duration of the stay of the citizens in the territory of that Party during one calendar year shall not exceed ninety (90) days.

Article 2

- (1) The citizens of Seychelles may enter and stay without a visa in the territory of Ghana for the period of stay as defined in Article 1 (2).
- (2) The citizens of Ghana may enter and stay without a visa in the territory of Seychelles for the period of stay as defined in Article 1 (2).

(3) Citizens with valid passports referred to in Article 1 (1) shall, whilst in Seychelles or Ghana comply with the laws and regulations applicable to foreigners in respect of entry and short stay and shall not take up any employment whether paid or unpaid, not practice for personal profit any professional or commercial activity unless proper authorization has been given by the competent authorities of the receiving Party.

(4) Recognizing the importance of providing information for the adequate implementation of the Agreement the Parties agree to inform each other about related issues such as the entry conditions.

Article 3

Issues not covered by this Agreement shall be governed by the national law of the Parties.

Article 4

In order to facilitate the training of professionals of the Parties, the receiving Party may issue the necessary permit to bona fide students and trainees for the duration of stays exceeding ninety (90) days in accordance with the relevant national laws and regulations.

Article 5

This Agreement does not restrict the right of either of the Parties to prohibit personas non grata or unacceptable persons of the other Party from entering its territory or to terminate their stay in its territory, without citing the reasons thereof.

Article 6

(1) Each Party may suspend in whole or in part this Agreement, on grounds of national security, social order, public health and illegal immigration. The Party that has suspended the application of this



Agreement shall immediately inform the other Party once the reasons for suspension no longer exist.

- (2) The suspension shall be communicated to the other Party not later than [one (1) month – open for discussion] before its entry into force. The subsequent re-introduction shall enter into force upon the day of the notice, or on any subsequent day stipulated in such notice.

Article 7

- (1) The Parties shall complete the exchange of samples of their passports referred to in Article 1 (a) within thirty (30) days of the signing of this Agreement, through diplomatic channels.
- (2) In case of any change in the form of its passports, each Party shall inform the other Party, through diplomatic channels, thirty (30) days in advance of the entry into force of such a change, and furnish it with samples of the new passport.

Article 8

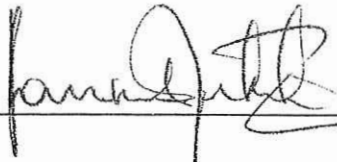
- (1) This Agreement shall be ratified by the Parties in accordance with their national legal requirements, where appropriate, and shall enter into force thirty days following the date of receipt of the last notification whereby completion of internal procedures is notified.
- (2) This Agreement shall remain valid for an initial period of five (5) years, after which it will be renewed automatically for further periods of five (5) years. If either Party wishes to terminate this Agreement, it shall notify the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels. In such an event this Agreement shall cease to be effective on the sixtieth (60th) day after the date of such notice.
- (3) Additional clauses or amendments to this Agreement may be made, as appropriate, by the Parties after consultations.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed and sealed this Agreement:

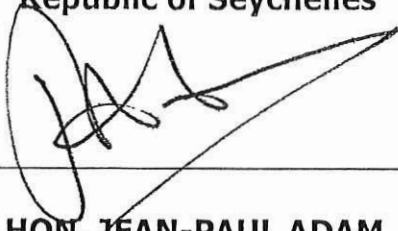
DONE at **Victoria, Seychelles** on this **20th day of May, 2014** in English.

**For the Government of the
Republic of Ghana**



HON. HANNA S. TETTEH (MP)
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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**For the Government of the
Republic of Seychelles**



HON. JEAN-PAUL ADAM
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS