

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
TOGO**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH AFRICA**

REGARDING

**THE WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR
HOLDERS OF VALID
DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS**

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PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of Togo and the Government of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and separately as a "Party");

CONSIDERING it in the interest of both countries to strengthen their friendly relations; and

DESIRING to facilitate the entry of nationals of the Republic of Togo and the nationals of the Republic of South Africa, who are the holders of valid diplomatic or official passports, into their respective countries without having to obtain a visa,

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be—

- (a) on behalf of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Home Affairs; and
- (b) on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Togo, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Togolese Abroad of the Republic of Togo.

ARTICLE 2

ACCREDITED DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR STAFF

- (1) Nationals of the Republic of Togo who are holders of valid diplomatic or official passports issued by the Government of the Republic of Togo and nationals of the Republic of South Africa who are holders of a valid

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diplomatic or official passport of the Government of the Republic of South Africa may enter, leave or transit the territory of the other State Party without a visa for a period of stay not exceeding ninety (90) days from the date of entry.

- (2) Staff of diplomatic or consular missions, holders of valid diplomatic or official passports of a State Party, accredited to the other State Party, and members of their families holding diplomatic or official passports, shall be exempt from visa requirements during the period of their term to enter, leave, transit or stay in the territory of the other State Party, provided the accreditation procedures are completed within thirty (30) days at the latest from the date of the first entry.

ARTICLE 3

REFUSAL OF ENTRY

The Competent Authorities of either Party reserve the right to deny entry into or shorten the stay in the territory of its country, on a discretionary basis, to nationals of the other Party who are holders of valid diplomatic or official passports and who are deemed by the Competent Authorities to be undesirable.

ARTICLE 4

COMPLIANCE WITH DOMESTIC LAW

The provisions of this Agreement shall not exempt the nationals of either country who are holders of valid diplomatic or official passports from complying with the domestic law in force in the territory of the other Party throughout the duration of their stay.



ARTICLE 5
NOTIFICATION OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

- (1) The Parties shall exchange specimens of their diplomatic or official passports, as well as information on the rules of their use, through the diplomatic channel within thirty (30) days after the signing of this Agreement.
- (2) A Party shall also transmit to the other Party through the diplomatic channel, specimens of its new or modified diplomatic and official passports at least thirty (30) days before their introduction date.
- (3) The Parties shall also inform each other in writing through the diplomatic channel of any changes in respect of the rules for the use of diplomatic or official passports.

ARTICLE 6
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation, application or implementation of this Agreement, shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Competent Authorities of the Parties.

ARTICLE 7
AMENDMENT

- (1) This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

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- (2) Amendments to this Agreement shall come into effect on the date of the second notification by which the Parties inform each other of the fulfillment of their relevant internal procedures.

ARTICLE 8
INTERNATIONAL LAW OBLIGATIONS

This Agreement shall not affect other obligations of the Parties arising under international agreements, in particular obligations arising from the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963.

ARTICLE 9
SUSPENSION

Each Party reserves the right to completely or partially suspend this Agreement, for purposes of maintaining national security, law and order, safeguarding health and security interests provided that it is notified in due course through the diplomatic channel and in writing to the other Party.

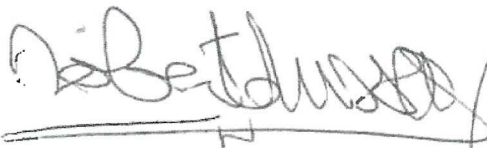
ARTICLE 10
ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION

- (1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the Parties have notified each other in writing through the diplomatic channel of their compliance with the domestic law requirements necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement. The date of entry into force shall be the date of the last notification.
- (2) This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated in accordance with Sub-Article (3).

- (3) This Agreement may be terminated by either Party, by written notice in advance through the diplomatic channel to the other Party of its intention to terminate it. This Agreement shall be terminated 90 days after the date of receipt of such notification.

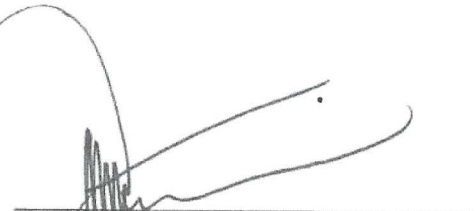
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, having been duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement in two original copies, each in the French and in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE AT Pretoria ON DAY OF
IN THE YEAR 2023.



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF TOGO

Signed: 4 December 2023



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF

SOUTH AFRICA

Signed: 6 January 2024