

**AGREEMENT ON**  
**“SIMPLIFICATION OF VISA**  
**PROCEDURES FOR THE BUSINESSMEN**  
**OF THE D-8 MEMBER STATES”**

The Government signatories hereto (hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties), being D-8 member countries.

Being convinced that trade and economic relations accelerate the mutual development of nations; have agreed as follows:

#### **Article 1**

All the diplomatic and consular missions of D-8 member countries shall issue entry visas to businessmen of the other D-8 member countries upon presentations of an introductory letter from the relevant competent national authorities in commercial affairs or respective ministries of foreign affairs of the member countries.

#### **Article 2**

All the diplomatic and consular missions of the D-8 member countries shall issue entry visas, within 5 working days of receipt of application, or otherwise reply to the applicant. Multiple entry visa shall be issued within 10 working days valid up to a maximum period of 1 (one) year with a maximum stay of 30 (thirty) days for the same group through similar procedure.

#### **Article 3**

The competent authorities shall extend on the basis of applicable regulations, visas issued to the businessmen who are engaged in export, import or investment activities till the expiry of the contract signed between the relevant parties provided that the visa holder shall not involve himself/herself in any activity in the host country inconsistent with his/her status.

#### **Article 4**

All the diplomatic and consular missions of D-8 member countries shall provide assistance for the facilitation of issuing resident permits to businessmen of the other D-8 member countries upon presentations of an introductory letter from the relevant competent national authorities in commercial affairs or respective ministries of foreign affairs of the member countries.

#### **Article 5**

None of the provisions of this Agreement shall prejudice the implementation of all applicable bilateral or multilateral agreements between any two or more D-8 member countries or national regulations and laws on issuance of entry visa, temporary resident permits or expulsion of foreign nationals in each of the respective countries.

#### **Article 6**

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation and negotiation among the contracting parties.

#### **Article 7**

- a) Any Contracting Party may propose amendment to this Agreement. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the depositary who shall circulate it immediately to all Contracting Parties. The amendment shall be subject to the approval of the D-8 Council of Ministers.
- b) The amendment shall enter into force for each Contracting Party that deposits its instrument of ratification or approval to the amendment on the thirtieth day after the date on which more than three D-8 member states have deposited their instruments of ratification or approval with the depositary. Thereafter, the amendment shall enter into force for any other state party on the date of the deposit of its instrument of ratification or approval in respect of the amendment.

#### **Article 8**

- a) Any Contracting Party may, for reasons of national security, public order or public health, delay the entry into force or suspend temporarily the application of this Agreement as a whole or in part in respect of all or some of the Contracting Parties. Imposition and lifting of such a measure shall be communicated immediately to the D-8 Executive Director through diplomatic channels, which shall, in turn notify all Contracting Parties.
- b) A Contracting Party which chooses to exercise any of the measures listed in paragraph 8/a, may not claim the continued application of this

Agreement to its own nationals by the Contracting Party against the nationals of which the measures are taken.

#### Article 9

- a) This Agreement shall be open to the signature of the D-8 member countries, which may become parties to the Agreement, in accordance with their respective procedure, by:
  - (i) Signature without reservations in respect of ratification;
  - (ii) Signature with reservations in respect of ratification, followed by ratification.
- b) The member countries which become party to this Agreement as outlined in the sub-paragraph 8/a (i) shall deposit an instrument of Ratification or Accession with the Office of the D-8 Executive Director. Similarly, those member countries which become party to this Agreement as outlined in the sub-paragraph 8/a (ii) shall deposit an instrument of ratification with the office of D-8 Executive Director.

#### Article 10

- a) This Agreement shall enter into force on the *thirtieth* day after the *date* on which more than three D-8 member countries shall, in accordance with article 8 :
  - (i) have signed the Agreement without reservations in respect to ratification and deposited the instrument of accession with the Office of D-8 Executive Director. Or ,
  - (ii) have signed and ratified and deposited the instrument of ratification with the Office of D-8 Executive Director.
- b) In case any member country which accedes to this Agreement after its entry into force, the Agreement shall enter into force with respect to the subsequently acceding party on the thirtieth day following the deposit of its instrument of accession or ratification.

#### Article 11

The D-8 Executive Director shall promptly notify its member countries of:

- a) The date of the entry into force of this Agreement and the names of the D-8 member countries which have signed and ratified it ;
- b) Any notification received in accordance with the Article 8 or 12 and its effective date;
- c) The entry into force of any amendment to this Agreement.

**Article 12**

This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period. Any Contracting Party, may withdraw from this Agreement by giving six months notice to that effect to the D-8 Executive Director.

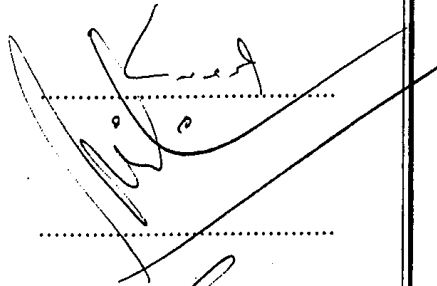
In witness whereof, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Cairo, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2001, in English, in two original copies to remain deposited with the Office of the Executive Director, which shall transmit a certified copy to each Contracting Party.

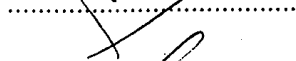
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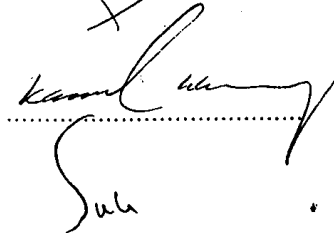
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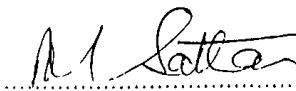
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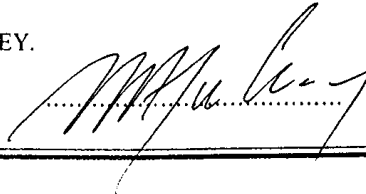
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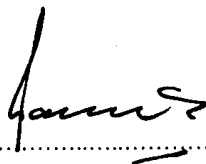


ON BEHALF OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY.  
H.E. ISMAIL CEM  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



Done at Kuala Lumpur, this 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008 in English in two original copies to remain deposited with the Office of the Executive Director, which shall transmit a certified copy to each Contracting Party.

ON BEHALF OF  
THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA  
H.E. DR. RAIS YATIM  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



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