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# SOLOMON ISLANDS GAZETTE

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## EXTRA-ORDINARY GAZETTE

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
ON MUTUAL VISA EXEMPTION FOR CITIZENS  
HOLDING ORDINARY PASSPORTS**

The Government of Solomon Islands and the Government of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties");

With a view to further promoting the friendly relations between their countries and facilitating exchange of visits by their citizens;

Having conducted friendly consultations on mutual visa exemption for citizens holding ordinary passports on the basis of equality and reciprocity;

HAVE agreed as follows:

### **ARTICLE I**

Citizens of Solomon Islands, holding valid ordinary passports of Solomon Islands, and citizens of the People's Republic of China, holding valid ordinary passports of the People's Republic of China, shall be exempted from visa requirement for entry into, exit from or transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party, for a single stay not exceeding thirty (30) days and for a cumulative period of stay not exceeding ninety (90) days in any one hundred and eighty (180)-day-period.

### **ARTICLE II**

Citizens of either Contracting Party referred to in Article I of this Agreement shall enter into, exit from or transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party through ports open to international travelers and shall adhere to the laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party applicable to non-citizens in respect of entry, exit and transit.

### **ARTICLE III**

I. Citizens of either Contracting Party referred to in Article I of this Agreement shall

abide by the laws and regulations in force in the other Contracting Party during their stay in its territory.

2. Citizens of either Contracting Party, who intend to stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period exceeding that mentioned in Article I or engage in employment, study, residence, media activities, or other activities which require prior approval from the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party, shall apply for an appropriate visa before entering the territory of the other Contracting Party.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

If citizens of either Contracting Party, after entry into the territory of the other Contracting Party, are unable to exit from the territory within the visa exempted period due to force majeure, they shall apply for extending their period of stay to the local competent authorities with relevant proof materials.

#### **ARTICLE V**

This Agreement does not restrict the right of either Contracting Party to prohibit citizens of the other Contracting Party who are considered unwelcome or unacceptable from entering its territory or the right to terminate their stay in its territory without citing reasons therefor.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

Either Contracting Party may temporarily suspend this Agreement partially or wholly on grounds of national security, public order or public health. However, it shall notify the other Contracting Party in a timely manner, in writing and through diplomatic channels, before the suspension or the cancellation of the suspension.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

1. The Contracting Parties shall complete, through diplomatic channels, the exchange of samples of their passports referred to in Article I of this Agreement within thirty (30) days from the date of the signing of this Agreement.

2. If either Contracting Party issues new passports or modifies existing passports during the period of validity of this Agreement, the relevant Contracting Party shall notify the other Contracting Party in a timely manner through diplomatic channels of such changes and provide samples of the new or modified passports, no later than thirty (30) days prior to their application.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

1. Each Contracting Party shall notify the other Contracting Party in writing and through diplomatic channels, after its domestic legal procedures are duly completed

for the entry into force of this Agreement. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30th) day from the date of the last written notification.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force until either Contracting Party asks to terminate it. In this case, the Contracting Party shall notify the other Contracting Party in writing and through diplomatic channels, and this Agreement shall cease to be effective on the ninetieth (90th) day from the date of notification.

3. This Agreement may be amended in writing by mutual consent of both Contracting Parties. The amendment shall enter into force in accordance with Paragraph 1 of this Article.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Honiara on this seventh-day of November 2024, in duplicate, in the English and Chinese languages, all texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of  
Solomon Islands

**HON. PETER SHANEL AGOVAKA**  
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