

**AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**  
**ON VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS**  
**OF BIOMETRIC DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS**

THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
and  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN,

Hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”,

DESIRING to facilitate the entry of holders of biometric diplomatic passports of the Republic of Austria and the Republic of Uzbekistan;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1**  
**Visa exemption**

1. Nationals of the Republic of Uzbekistan, who are holders of a valid biometric diplomatic passport, shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter the territory of the Republic of Austria for a period which does not exceed ninety (90) days within a one hundred and eighty (180) days period, counted from the day of entry into either the territory of the Republic of Austria or the territory of any other State to which the Schengen Convention of 19 June 1990 implementing the Agreement of Schengen of 14 June 1985 on the gradual abolition of checks at their common borders applies.
2. Nationals of the Republic of Austria, who are holders of a valid biometric diplomatic passport, shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan for a period which does not exceed ninety (90) days within a one hundred and eighty (180) days period, counted from the date of entry.

**Article 2**  
**Entry and exit conditions**

Holders of a valid biometric diplomatic passport of the Republic of Austria and the Republic of Uzbekistan may enter into and depart from the territory of the State of the other Party at any point authorized for that purpose by the competent immigration authorities, without any restriction except for those stipulated in the security, migratory, customs, sanitary, and other provisions legally applicable to holders of such passports.

**Article 3**  
**Long-term stay and employment**

The provisions of Article 1 of this Agreement do not apply to persons intending to stay in the territory of the State of the other Party for a period longer than that stated in Article 1 or intending to take up employment there.

**Article 4**  
**Nationals enjoying privileges and immunities**

Nationals of the State of either Party enjoying privileges and immunities according to international law and who are holders of the respective ID card issued by the receiving country, do not need a visa or a residence permit to stay in or to re-enter the territory of the State of that Party as long as this ID card is valid and presented upon entry along with a valid biometric diplomatic passport of the Republic of Austria or the Republic of Uzbekistan.

**Article 5**  
**Information requirements**

1. The Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, specimen of the passports referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement within thirty (30) days after the signing; and either Party shall provide to the other Party specimen of any new or changed diplomatic passport at least thirty (30) days before issuing such passports.
2. Both Parties shall duly inform each other about any modification introduced in their respective national laws and regulations related to passport issuance.
3. If a national of either Party loses his/her valid diplomatic passport referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement in the territory of the State of the other Party, he/she shall inform the competent authorities of the receiving Party. The diplomatic mission or consulate concerned shall issue a new passport or travel document and inform the competent authorities of the receiving Party.

**Article 6**  
**Rights and obligations**

1. This Agreement does not exempt nationals of either Party from the obligation to respect the laws and regulations of the other Party concerning the entry, stay, and exit of foreigners.
2. Both Parties reserve the right to refuse admission to, or shorten the stay of, persons considered undesirable or endangering public peace, order, health, or national security.

**Article 7**  
**Dispute settlement**

Any difference or dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved amicably through direct consultations or negotiations between the Parties.

**Article 8**  
**Suspension**

1. Either Party may, completely or partly, temporarily suspend this Agreement for reasons of public order, national security, public health, document security, a significant rise of illegal migration from the territory of the other Party, or lack of cooperation of the other Party concerning the readmission.
2. The Party deciding to suspend or resume this Agreement shall immediately notify the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels. Such decision shall enter into force fourteen (14) days after receipt of notification by the other Party. In urgent cases, suspension shall take immediate effect and be communicated to the other Party without delay, but not later than three (3) days after execution, indicating the grounds for suspension.

**Article 9**  
**Amendments**

By mutual consent, the Parties may amend and supplement this Agreement. Such amendments shall form integral parts of this Agreement and shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure provided in Article 10.

**Article 10**  
**Entry into force and termination**

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the month in which the Parties inform each other through diplomatic channels that all requirements for its entry into force under their national legislation have been fulfilled. The decisive date shall be the date of receipt of the last notification.
2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this Article, this Agreement shall only enter into force on the date of the entry into force of the Agreement between the Austrian Federal Government and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on a Migration and Mobility Partnership if this date is after the date provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article.
3. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving written notice through diplomatic channels. In this case, the Agreement shall terminate three (3) months after receipt of such notification by the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at ..... on ..... ,  
in two originals, each in the German, Uzbek and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Austrian  
Federal Government**

**For the Government  
of the Republic of Uzbekistan**