

AGREEMENT

between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Russian Federation on the terms and procedures for issuing visas for holders of diplomatic and service passports

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as The Parties),

Wishing to promote the friendly relations between the two States and strengthen mutually beneficial cooperation,

Seeking to simplify mutual travel procedures for the officials of the two States,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Short-Term Travel

1. The Parties shall consider the official travel of the diplomatic and service passport holders of the two States to the State of Israel and to the Russian Federation, respectively, as short-term travel if its estimated duration does not exceed ninety (90) days.

2. The Parties shall respond to the visa applications for such travel within three (3) working days from the date of the application submission. The visa shall be issued for at least thirty (30) days.

3. If necessary, double, triple, and multiple entry visas may be issued to the diplomatic and service passport holders within the period specified in paragraph 2 of this Article.

Article 2
Long-Term Travel

1. The Parties shall consider the official travel of the diplomatic and service passport holders of the two States to the State of Israel and to the Russian Federation, respectively, as long-term travel if its estimated duration exceeds ninety (90) days.

2. The Parties shall respond to the visa applications for such travel within seven (7) working days from the date of the application submission.

Article 3
Exchange of Passport Samples and Information

1. The Parties shall exchange samples of their diplomatic and service passports, as well as information on their usage procedures through the diplomatic channels in due time before the entry into force of the Agreement.

2. The Parties shall inform each other on any changes relating to the abovementioned passports, as well as their usage procedures, and submit the samples of new passport no later than forty five (45) days before the introduction of these changes.

Article 4
Visa Extension Procedure

The Parties shall consider applications for visa extension as soon as possible, but in any case within the period stipulated for issuing visas for a given category of travel.

Article 5**Entry into Force and Termination of the Agreement**

The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signing and shall remain in force until the expiration of ninety (90) days from the date on which one of the Parties sends the other Party a written notification, through the diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

Done in Moscow on this 5th day of JUNE 2002, which corresponds to this 25th day of SIVAN 5762, in two copies each in the Hebrew, Russian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

