

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF GEORGIA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ON MUTUAL VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF
ORDINARY PASSPORTS**

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

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

Having conducted friendly consultations on the basis of equality and reciprocity;

Have agreed on mutual visa exemption for holders of ordinary passports as follows:

ARTICLE I

The citizens of Georgia holding valid ordinary passports of Georgia, and the 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 each 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

The 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 at ports open to international travelers and shall abide by the laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party that are applicable to non-citizens in respect of entry, exit and transit.

ARTICLE III

1. The 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. The citizens of either Contracting Party referred to in Article I of this Agreement who intend to stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period of more than thirty (30) days or to reside or engage in employment, study, 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.
3. The duration of each single stay referred to in Article I of this Agreement shall not be extended except for humanitarian reasons, force majeure or other reasons granted by the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE IV

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

ARTICLE V

1. 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 in advance, through diplomatic channels before the suspension or the cancellation of the suspension.
2. The suspension under Paragraph 1 of this Article shall not affect the rights and interests of the citizens of the other Contracting Party referred to in Article I of this Agreement who are still staying in the territory of the Contracting Party that implements the suspension of the Agreement.

ARTICLE VI

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 VII

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

ARTICLE VIII

Any discrepancies concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled through friendly consultations or negotiations between the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE IX

1. The Contracting Parties shall notify the other Contracting Party in writing, through diplomatic channels, after 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, through diplomatic channels, and this Agreement shall cease to be effective on the ninetieth (90th) day from the date of notification.
3. This Agreement does not affect the rights and obligations arising from *the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Georgia and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Mutual Visa Exemption for Citizens Travelling for Official Purposes* signed by the Contracting Parties in Tbilisi on January 5, 1994.
4. Both Parties agree that termination process will be initiated on *the Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of Georgia and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Mutual Visa Exemption for Tour Groups* (hereinafter referred to as *the Agreement on Mutual Visa Exemption for Tour Groups*) signed in Tbilisi on January 5, 1994, after the entry into force of this Agreement. The Chinese side will issue a written notification to the Georgian side to terminate *the Agreement on Mutual Visa Exemption for Tour Groups* in accordance with Article VIII of *the Agreement on Mutual Visa Exemption for Tour Groups*.

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

Done at Tbilisi, on this 10th day of April 2024, in duplicate, in Georgian, Chinese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
GEORGIA

A stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of horizontal strokes and a long, sweeping underline.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, featuring a large, bold character '司' followed by a smaller character '海'.