

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

CONCERNING

A WORKING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The Government of the Czech Republic and the Government of the State of Israel (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties"),

In the spirit of promoting a closer co-operative relationship between the States of the Contracting Parties,

Desirous of providing wider opportunities for their citizens, particularly the youth, to appreciate the culture and general way of life in the other State,

Wishing to provide programmes for the citizens of each State, particularly the youth, which are intended to make it possible for them to enter the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party, primarily to take a holiday for an extended period, and also to engage in employment as an incidental aspect of their holiday in order to supplement their travel funds,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Each Contracting Party shall issue multiple-entry long-stay working holiday visas valid for one (1) year to citizens of the other Contracting Party who satisfy each of the following requirements:

- a) they intend primarily to holiday in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party with employment, if any, being only an incidental reason for the visit;
- b) they are between the age of eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years, both inclusive, at the time of the application for a working holiday visa;
- c) they are not accompanied by dependent persons;
- d) they possess passports with a validity period at least six (6) months longer than the anticipated length of the visit and a return travel ticket or sufficient funds to purchase such ticket;
- e) they possess sufficient funds to cover the costs related to their stay in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party;
- f) they comply with all health requirements for entry in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party;
- g) they present a proof of health insurance coverage as required by the laws and regulations of the State of the other Contracting Party;

- h) they present a declaration in writing that they have no record of criminal convictions, the information regarding criminal records cannot be used for any other purposes than for those for which it was transmitted; and
- i) they pay the prescribed working holiday visa application fee.

Article 2

Citizens of States of both Contracting Parties may apply for working holiday visas at the Embassy or consulates of the State of the other Contracting Party located in the territory of the State of the Contracting Party of which they are citizens.

Article 3

The working holiday visas issued under this Agreement may not be extended and may not be repeatedly issued to the same person.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall determine on the basis of reciprocity, through an exchange of diplomatic notes, the maximum number of visas to be issued under Article 1 in a calendar year. The initial quota shall be up to two hundred (200) visas. The Contracting Parties may change this number annually through an exchange of diplomatic notes. An adjustment to the number of working holiday visas issued per annum shall be not regarded as a formal amendment to this Agreement.

Article 5

(1) Each Contracting Party may, consistent with the laws and regulations of its State, refuse any particular visa application it receives pursuant to this Agreement.

(2) Each Contracting Party may, in accordance with the laws and regulations of its State, refuse entry into the territory of its State to any person participating in the programme under this Agreement whom it may consider undesirable, or remove any such person who has obtained entry under this Agreement.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party shall readmit the citizen of its State who has entered the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party on a working holiday visa and no longer has the authority to remain in that territory. If necessary, the Contracting Party shall issue to the citizen of its

State a travel document for the purposes of readmission. In case of doubt about nationality, the Contracting Parties shall assist each other in verifying the identity of the purported citizen.

Article 7

(1) Each Contracting Party shall permit the citizens of the State of the other Contracting Party who possess valid working holiday visas to stay in the territory of its State during the period of the validity of the respective visa and to engage in employment under the Working Holiday Programme without an employment permit for a period not exceeding one year from the date of entry into the territory. The employment shall be an incidental rather than a primary reason for the stay.

(2) Citizens participating in this Programme shall not be permitted to work for the same employer for more than three (3) months during the course of their stay.

(3) Citizens participating in this Programme may enroll in training or study courses not exceeding a total duration of three (3) months during the course of their stay.

Article 8

Citizens of the State of one Contracting Party who have entered the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party on a working holiday visa shall, during their stay in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party, respect the applicable laws and regulations of the State of that Contracting Party.

Article 9

The provisions of this Agreement shall be implemented in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the States of both Contracting Parties.

Article 10

This Agreement is without prejudice to the obligations undertaken by the Contracting Parties under other international agreements.

Article 11

Each Contracting Party may temporarily suspend, in whole or in part, the implementation of this Agreement for reasons of public policy, including public security, public order and public health. Any such suspension shall be immediately notified to the other Contracting Party by written notice through diplomatic channels.

Article 12

Amendments to the present Agreement may be made by mutual written consent of the Contracting Parties and shall enter into force according to the procedure set out in Article 13 below.

Article 13

(1) This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period and shall enter into force ninety (90) days from the date of receipt of the later of the notifications by which the Contracting Parties inform each other through diplomatic channels that their internal legal requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement have been met.

(2) Either Contracting Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by a notice in writing. In such case, the Agreement shall terminate three months from the date of receipt of the written notice of termination by the other Contracting Party.

(3) Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement or the suspension of the implementation of any of the provisions of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Contracting Parties, any person who at the date of such termination or suspension already holds a valid working holiday visa shall be permitted to enter and/or remain in the territory of the respective Contracting Party and to work there in accordance with such visa until it expires.

Done atJerusalem..... on8 June 2015....., which corresponds to the 21st day ofSivan 5775....., in two original copies, each in the Czech, Hebrew and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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