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n the context of the visit to Brazil of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, Wang Yi, today, 19 January 2024, it was signed in Brasilia the Agreement between Brazil and China on Visas in Common Passports.

When it enters into force, the agreement will allow consular authorities of the two countries to grant visas of up to 10 years of validity, doubling the maximum period currently granted. The initiative will facilitate travel, encourage business promotion, and boost tourism between the countries.

In 2023, more than 37 thousand Chinese visited Brazil.

The full agreement is available below:

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATIVE

REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S

REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON 10 (TEN) YEAR MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS FOR

BUSINESS, TOURISM AND VISIT PURPOSES

The Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil

and

the Government of the People's Republic of China

(hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties"):

With a view to facilitating mutual visits between their nationals;

Having conducted negotiations based on the principles of equality and reciprocity;

Agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

1. Brazilian Embassies and Consular Offices grant multiple-entry VIVIS visas, with a validity period of up to 10 (ten) years from the date of granting, for an authorised period of stay of up to 90 (ninety) days, renewable if necessary, provided that the maximum period of stay does not exceed 180 (one hundred and eight days) in each period of 12 (twelve) months, counted from the date of first entry, to Chinese national travelling for business, tourism and visiting family members.

2. Chinese Embassies and Consular Offices multiple-entry M, L, 02, S2 visas, with a validity period of up to 10 (ten) years from the date of granting, for an authorised period of stay of up to 90 (ninety) days, renewable if necessary, provided that the maximum period of stay does not exceed 180 (one hundred and eight days) in each period of 12 (twelve) months, counted from the date of first entry to Brazilian national travelling for business, tourism and visiting family members.

ARTICLE 2

This Agreement does not apply to individuals travelling for the purpose of engaging in paid or salaried activities, producing journalistic reports, participating in study activities, or carrying out missionary or religious activities. The Contracting Parties shall define the procedures necessary for obtaining visas for the individuals mentioned above in accordance with their respective national legislations.

ARTICLE 3

Nationals of the Contracting Parties holding valid visas referred to in Article 1 may enter the territory of the other Contracting Party at any time within the period of validity of the visa, provided that the maximum period of stay referred to in Article 1 is not exceeded.

ARTICLE 4

- 1. Applicants from both Contracting Parties must submit a visa application form, a valid passport, photographs, a letter of invitation relevant to the subject, and other necessary documents, such as round-trip air tickets or other documents proving the purpose of the trip. The documentation must be simplified.
- 2. The abovementioned documents may, by the decision of the consular authorities of the Contracting Parties, be exempted from the requirement of notarisation and authentication for the purposes of visa granting.

ARTICLE 5

Except in extraordinary cases, the Embassies and Consular Offices of the Contracting Parties shall endeavour to grant visas to the individuals referred to in this Agreement within 4 (four) working days from the date of receipt of the visa application, taking into account the regulations provided for in their respective legislation.

ARTICLE 6

- 1. This Agreement shall apply without prejudice to the provisions of the legislation of the Contracting Parties relating to conditions of entry and stay. The Contracting Parties may deny entry and stay in their territory if one or more conditions are unmet.
- 2. Nationals of both Contracting Parties to this Agreement shall comply with the laws and regulations in force in the territory of the other Contracting Party during their stay. The competent authorities of both Contracting Parties may exchange information on the issuance of visas and hold, when necessary, consultation meetings in Brazil and China, alternately, to discuss the implementation of this Agreement and other relevant matters.

ARTICLE 7

- 1. This Agreement shall come into force 30 (thirty) days after the date of its signature.
- 2. This Agreement shall be valid for an indefinite period. Should either Contracting Party wish to terminate this Agreement, written notification shall be sent to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels. The termination shall take effect ninety (90) days after the date of notification.
- 3. This Agreement may be modified or amended by mutual agreement of the Contracting Parties through negotiations through diplomatic channels.

4, From the date of entry into force of this Agreement, the Agreement between the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the People's Republic of China on facilitating the issuance of tourist visas, which came into force on 1 September 2017, and the Agreement between the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the People's Republic of China on facilitating the issuance of visas for businessmen, which came into force on 17 July 2014 and was renewed in 2017, shall be terminated.

Done in Brasilia on 19 January 2024, in duplicate, each in Portuguese, Chinese and English, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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