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Agreement of Mutual Visa Exemption Concluded between the Macao SAR and the United Mexican States

The signing ceremony between the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the United Mexican States on Mutual Visa Exemption Agreement took place in the Macao SAR Government Headquarters on 19 September.

The Government of the Macao SAR was granted the authorization from the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China to conclude the above-mentioned agreement. The Secretary for Administration and Justice, Ms. Florinda da Rosa Silva Chan, and the Acting Consul General of Mexico in Hong Kong and Macao, Mr. Hector Huerta, representing respectively the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region and the Government of the United Mexican States signed the agreement.

The agreement will be effective from 19 October 2008. After the agreement comes into effect, holders of a valid Macao SAR Passport will be exempted from visa requirements when entering the United Mexican States for a stay of maximum 90 days.

At present, a total of 77 countries and territories have agreed to grant visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to the Macao SAR passport holders, while 9 countries have agreed to grant the visa-free access to the Macao SAR Travel Permit holders.