

3. A national of the sending State entering the receiving State with valid travel documents of the sending State will, during the period for which his status has been accorded on a limited basis by visa or lawful visa-free entry, be considered as a national of the sending State by the appropriate authorities of the receiving State with a view to ensuring consular access and protection by the sending State.

ARTICLE 13

Communication with the Authorities of the Receiving State

In the exercise of his functions, a consular officer may address the competent local authorities in his consular district and, when necessary, the competent central authorities of the receiving State to the extent permitted by the law and usage of the receiving State.

ARTICLE 14

Relations between this Agreement and other International Agreements

This Agreement is concluded in accordance with the Article 73 paragraph 2 of the Convention on Consular Relations, done at Vienna, April 24, 1963, and matters not expressly stipulated in it shall be handled in accordance with that Convention.

ARTICLE 15

Application of Territory

This Agreement shall apply as well to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

ARTICLE 16

Consultations

Both Contracting Parties agree to meet from time to time to discuss consular issues of common concern.