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**Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the  
Government of the Argentine Republic on a Working  
Holiday Programme**

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for the entry into force of this Agreement exchanged on 16 September  
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## **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC ON A WORKING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

The Government of the Argentine Republic and the Government of Ireland, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

*In order* to promote cooperative relations between Argentina and Ireland;

*Desirous* to promote greater opportunities for Argentine and Irish youth to be able to appreciate the culture and way of life of the other country, with the purpose of promoting mutual understanding between both peoples;

*Wishing* to conclude an agreement which allows Irish youth to enter Argentina and Argentine youth to enter Ireland primarily to holiday for an extended period of time and engage in employment as an incidental aspect of their holidays;

**Have agreed** as follows:

### **Article 1**

The Parties agree to establish a Working Holiday Program (hereinafter referred to as “the Program”), which shall be governed by the provisions of this Agreement.

### **Responsibilities of the Government of the Argentine Republic**

#### **Article 2**

The Government of the Argentine Republic, through its Consular Office which grants visas in Ireland, shall, subject to Article 2, issue a transitory visa, on application by an Irish citizen for use within a twelve-month period as from the date of issue, to any person who meets the following requirements:

- (i) is an Irish citizen who is ordinarily resident in Ireland;
- (ii) is aged between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years, both inclusive, at the time of application;
- (iii) satisfies the visa officer that his/her primary intention is to holiday in the Argentine Republic with employment being an incidental rather than the primary reason for the visit;
- (iv) is not accompanied by dependant children;
- (v) holds a valid Irish passport;
- (vi) possesses a return ticket or enough money to buy such a ticket;
- (vii) has enough money for his/her maintenance during the period of stay in Argentina, at the discretion of the relevant authorities;

- (viii) pays the prescribed visa application fees;
- (ix) agrees to hold medical and comprehensive hospitalisation insurance, as well as liability insurance to remain in force throughout his/her stay in the Argentine Republic;
- (x) has no criminal record; and
- (xi) does not seek to include a spouse in the visa granted under this Program. Any spouse would need to apply separately for a transitory visa under this Program.

### [Article 3](#)

The Government of the Argentine Republic may issue each year up to 100 of the visas mentioned in Article 2 to citizens of Ireland.

### [Article 4](#)

Subject to Article 2, the Government of the Argentine Republic shall issue a transitory visa to an Irish citizen provided that they meet each of the requirements mentioned in Article 2. This transitory visa shall be issued by the Consular Office in Ireland and shall be valid for a period of six (6) months from the day of arrival in the Argentine Republic, renewable for three (3) more months. The application for this extension, which shall be free of charge, shall be made to the Migration Authorities of the Argentine Republic.

### [Article 5](#)

The Government of the Argentine Republic shall require any Irish citizen who has entered Argentina under this Program to comply with the laws and regulations of the Argentine Republic and not to carry out activities that are contrary to the purposes of this Program. Participants in this Program are not permitted to engage in permanent employment during their visit and may register in training or study courses, no longer than three (3) months, during their visit to Argentina, in particular Spanish language courses.

## **Responsibilities of the Government of Ireland**

### [Article 6](#)

The Government of Ireland, through its relevant diplomatic mission, shall, subject to Article 6, issue a working holiday visa, on application by an Argentine citizen, valid for presentation within a twelve-month period as from the date of issue, to any person who meets the following requirements:

- (i) is an Argentine citizen who is ordinarily resident in the Argentine Republic;

- (ii) is aged between eighteen (18) and thirty (30), both inclusive, at the time of the application;
- (iii) satisfies the visa officer that his/her primary intention is to holiday in Ireland with employment being an incidental rather than a primary reason for the visit;
- (iv) is not accompanied by dependent children;
- (v) holds a valid Argentine passport;
- (vi) possesses a return ticket or enough money to buy such a ticket;
- (vii) has enough money for his/her maintenance during the period of stay in Ireland, at the discretion of the relevant authorities;
- (viii) pays the prescribed visa application fees;
- (ix) agrees to hold medical and comprehensive hospitalisation insurance, as well as liability insurance to remain in force during his/her stay in Ireland;
- (x) has no criminal record; and
- (xi) does not seek to include a spouse in the visa granted pursuant to this Program. Any spouse would need to apply separately for a transitory visa under this Program.

#### [Article 7](#)

The Government of Ireland may grant each year up to 100 of the working holiday visas mentioned in Article 6 to citizens of the Argentine Republic.

#### [Article 8](#)

Subject to Article 6, the Government of Ireland shall grant permission to enter and remain in Ireland to any Argentine citizen holding working holiday visa issued in accordance with Article 6 and meeting each one of the requirements in Article 6. Permission to enter and stay shall be granted to such person on his/her arrival in Ireland and shall be valid for a maximum period of twelve (12) months from the date of entry into Ireland. No extensions of the period of validity of such permission shall be granted.

#### [Article 9](#)

The Government of Ireland shall require any Argentine citizen who has entered Ireland pursuant to this Program to comply with the laws and regulations of Ireland and not to carry out activities that are contrary to the purposes of this Program. Participants in this Program are not permitted to engage in permanent employment during their visit and may register in training or study courses, no longer than three (3) months, during their visit to Ireland, in particular of Irish or English language courses.

## **General terms for applicants and participants**

### [Article 10](#)

An applicant shall not be refused a visa under this Program solely on the grounds of his/her lack of knowledge of the Irish, English or Spanish languages.

## **General terms for either of the Parties**

### [Article 11](#)

Either of the Parties reserves the right to refuse any application for a visa received under this Program.

### [Article 12](#)

Either of the Parties may, in accordance with its law, refuse the entry of any person participating in the Program, or deport any such person if considered undesirable.

## **Suspension**

### [Article 13](#)

Either of the Parties may temporarily suspend the foregoing provisions in whole or in part, for reasons of public security, public order, public health or immigration considerations. Any such suspension, and the date of its effect, shall be notified to the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels.

### [Article 14](#)

Any question that may arise with regard to the interpretation, application or possible suspension of any part of this Agreement shall be settled by means of consultations through diplomatic channels.

### [Article 15](#)

Amendments to this Agreement may be made at any time by written arrangement between the Parties, following discussions and mutual consent.

## **Termination**

### [Article 16](#)

Either of the Parties may terminate this Agreement by giving three (3) months written notice to the other Party.

### [Article 17](#)

Termination or suspension, in whole or in part, of this Agreement, shall not restrain the right of any person already holding a valid visa under this Program to enter and/or

stay in such place until the visa expires, in accordance with the immigration legislation and policy of each Party, unless otherwise agreed.

### **Entry into force**

#### **Article 18**

Each Party shall notify the other, by diplomatic notes, of the completion of its internal procedural requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the later notification.

Done at Buenos Aires, on the 18th day of March of the year two thousand and eight, in two originals in the Spanish, Irish and English languages, both being equally authentic.

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