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PRC-Vietnam Visa Free Travel Agreement'**

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Summary:

In light of "anti-China crazed behavior on the part of Vietnam," the Chinese Foreign Ministry and Public Security Ministry have decided to abrogate a visa agreement with Vietnam.

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To the foreign affairs bureaus and public security bureaus of provinces, municipalities, and autonomous regions:

Owing to the regular and increasing seriousness of anti-China crazed behavior on the part of Vietnam, we have already notified the Vietnamese side of the abrogation of the agreement eliminating visas and visa fees between our two countries beginning on January 23, 1979.

From now on, all citizens of Vietnam, no matter what type of passport they hold, must have a valid visa issued by the PRC for all travel whether into China, exiting China, or transiting through China.

Handle applications from Vietnam citizens to our visa organs according to visa regulations.

You are also hereby notified that all PRC citizens, no matter whether they are entering Vietnam, transiting through Vietnam, or returning to our country must also arrange ahead of time for the appropriate Vietnam visa.

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