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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Brunei Darussalam presents its compliments to the High Commission of the Republic of India in Brunei Darussalam and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the High Commission's Note no. BSC/406/01/2002 dated 2 March 2016 regarding the proposed Arrangement between the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Government of the Republic of India on mutual exemption of visas for holders of diplomatic and official passports (the "Arrangement"), comprising the following provisions:

"The Government of His Majesty His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Government of the Republic of India, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Governments" or singularly as the "Government",

With a view to strengthening friendly relations between Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of India;

Have decided as follows:

- 1. Save as those provided in paragraphs 3 to 6 below, nationals of either Brunei Darussalam or the Republic of India holding valid diplomatic or official passports may enter into, transit through, stay in, and exit from the territory of the other country through the border points open for international traffic without visas.*
- 2. Nationals of either Brunei Darussalam or the Republic of India referred to in paragraph 1 above may stay in the territory of the other country without visas for a period not exceeding fourteen (14) days.*
- 3. Nationals of either Brunei Darussalam or the Republic of India, who is a member of the diplomatic or consular staff in the territory of the other country, who is in possession of a valid diplomatic or official passport, and whose stay in the territory*

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possession of a valid diplomatic or official passport, and whose stay in the territory of the other country exceed fourteen (14) days, will be required to obtain a visa to enter the territory of the other country, and will be granted, on application from the diplomatic mission or consular post concerned, within fourteen (14) days of the arrival of the diplomatic or consular staff, an immigration pass for the period of his/her official stay.

- 4. Paragraph 3 above will also apply to a national of either Brunei Darussalam or the Republic of India being the representative of his/her country in an international organisation located in the territory of the other country, holding a valid diplomatic or official passport, and whose stay in the territory of the other country exceed fourteen (14) days.*
- 5. Paragraphs 3 and 4 above will also apply, as appropriate, to the spouse of a member of the Diplomatic Mission or Consulate or representative in an international organisation referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4, their children and their dependent parents, provided that they hold a valid diplomatic or official passport or the children's names are entered in their father's or mother's diplomatic or official passport, and whose stay in the territory of the other country exceed fourteen (14) days.*
- 6. The holders of diplomatic or official passports of either Brunei Darussalam or the Republic of India who are employed by an international organisation, body, agency or any other such entity, and who is not in any capacity representing his/her country, would be required to obtain visa prior to their entry into the territory of the other country for official or private visits.*
- 7. Nationals of either Brunei Darussalam or the Republic of India will abide by the other country's laws and regulations in force during their stay in the respective territories.*

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8. *The Governments retain the privilege to deny entry into the territory of either Brunei Darussalam or the Republic of India of nationals from the other country whom it may consider undesirable.*
9. *In the event a national of either Brunei Darussalam or the Republic of India loses his/her passport in the territory of the other country, he/she will inform the authorities concerned of the other country for appropriate action. The diplomatic mission or the consular post of the first country, upon issuing a new diplomatic or official passport or travel document will inform the appropriate authorities of the other country.*
10. *The Governments will exchange, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their respective diplomatic and official passports including a detailed description of these documents that are currently being used, not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Arrangement.*
11. *In the event that the respective diplomatic and official passports are changed or modified, notification of such changes and modifications will be made through diplomatic channels. The notification will include detailed description of such changes and modifications.*
12. *Either Government may temporarily, partially or fully, suspend the implementation of this Arrangement for reasons of security, public order or health. The commencement and termination of such suspension will be notified as soon as possible through diplomatic channels.*
13. *The provisions of this Arrangement may be amended or revised by mutual consent. Such amendments or revisions will be detailed in an exchange of notes, which will come into effect on the date of the later affirmative note. The exchange of notes will form an integral part of this Arrangement.*

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14. Any differences or disputes arising from the interpretation and/or implementation of this Arrangement will be settled by consultation or negotiation through diplomatic channels.

15. This Arrangement will remain effective for an indefinite period and may be terminated by either Government by notification through diplomatic channels. Any such termination will take effect thirty (30) days after the date of such notification to terminate.”

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Brunei Darussalam is pleased to accept the Arrangement and to confirm that the High Commission’s diplomatic note and this affirmative note in reply constitute an arrangement between the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan Brunei Darussalam and the Government of the Republic of India, which will enter into effect thirty (30) days from the date of this note in reply.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Brunei Darussalam avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission of the Republic of India in Bandar Seri Begawan the assurances of its highest consideration.

Bandar Seri Begawan, 4 April 2016

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