

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE
ON VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC
AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Chile, hereinafter referred to as "Contracting Parties",

DESIRING to promote their friendly relations,

CONSIDERING the interest of both countries to strengthen their friendly relations: and

DESIRING to facilitate the entry of the citizens of the Republic of Chile and the Republic of India, who are holders of diplomatic and official passports;

have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

1. Nationals of one Contracting Party, who are holders of valid diplomatic or official passports, shall be exempt from visa requirements for entry into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party.
2. The passport holders referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be permitted to stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a maximum period of 90 (ninety) days. Upon requests in writing of the diplomatic mission or consular posts of the Contracting Party whose nationals the passport holders are, the other Contracting Party may extend the duration of stay for those passport holders for up to 90(ninety) days.

ARTICLE 2

1. A citizen of either Contracting Party, who is assigned as a member of the diplomatic or consular staff in the territory of the other Contracting Party and in possession of a valid diplomatic or official passport shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter the territory of the other Contracting Party and shall be granted a residence visa for period of his/her official stay.

2. A citizen of one Contracting Party being the representative of his/her country in an international organization located in the territory of other Contracting Party holding the said passport shall also enjoy the rights mentioned in paragraph-1 of this Article.

ARTICLE 3

Through diplomatic channels, the competent authorities of Contracting Parties shall, as soon as possible, inform each other of any change of their laws and regulations concerning the entry, exit and stay applied to foreigners.

ARTICLE 4

1. This Agreement shall not exempt the holders of diplomatic or official passports from obligations of respecting laws and regulations in force relating to entry, stay and exit in the territory of the host country.
2. Either Contracting Party shall reserve the right to deny entry or to shorten the duration of stay of any national of the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 5

If a national of one Contracting Party loses his/her passport in the territory of the other Contracting Party, he/she shall inform the diplomatic mission or consular post of his/her country and the relevant authorities of the host country about the loss of his/her passport. The diplomatic mission or the consular post concerned shall, in accordance with laws and regulations of its country, issue a new passport or a travel document to him/her and inform the competent authorities of the host country about the issue of the new passport or travel document and the cancellation of the lost passport.

ARTICLE 6

1. For reasons of national security, public order or health, either Contracting Party may temporarily suspend, in whole or in part, the implementation of this Agreement.
2. The Contracting Party, which decides to temporarily suspend, in whole or in part, the implementation of the Agreement shall duly inform the other Contracting Party of such decision through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 7

1. The Contracting Parties shall convey to each other, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their current diplomatic and official passports or specimens of any new diplomatic or official passports at least 30(thirty) days before this Agreement comes into force or before the introduction of the new passports.
2. The Contracting Parties shall inform each other about any modification introduced to the current diplomatic or official passports at least 30(thirty) days in advance of the introduction of such modification, and convey specimens of the modified documents.

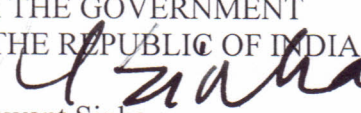
ARTICLE 8

1. This Agreement shall enter into force after the exchange of diplomatic notes by the Contracting Parties, acknowledging that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with.
2. This Agreement shall remain valid for an indefinite period unless either Contracting Party informs the other Contracting Party in writing of its intention to terminate the Agreement through diplomatic channels 3(three) months in advance.
3. This Agreement may be amended or supplemented by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

Done at New Delhi on 24 April, 2003, in two originals; in Hindi, Spanish and English languages. All texts are equally authentic. In case of divergences in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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