

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS ON ABOLITION OF VISA
REQUIREMENT FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND
OFFICIAL/SERVICE PASSPORTS**

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

Hereafter referred to singularly as the "Contracting Party" and collectively
as the "Contracting Parties"

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

DESIRING to facilitate the entry of the citizens of the Republic of India
and the citizens of Republic of Cyprus who are holders of diplomatic or
official/service passports into their respective countries,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

1. A citizen of either Contracting Party, who is in possession of a
valid diplomatic or official/service passport shall be permitted to enter into,
exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party
through their respective international points of entry/exit without visas.
2. A citizen of either Contracting Party, holding the said passport
shall be allowed to stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for the
maximum period of ninety (90) days without a visa.

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 is in possession of a valid diplomatic or official /service passport,
shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter the territory of the other
Contracting Party, and shall be granted, on request from the diplomatic
mission/consular post concerned, within ninety days of the arrival of the

diplomatic/official/service passport holder, a residence permit 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.

3. The facilities enumerated in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall also apply to the spouse of a member of the diplomatic Mission or Consulate or representative in international organization, their children and their dependent parents, provided they hold a similar category of passport or the children's names are entered in their father's or mother's passport.

ARTICLE 3

1. A citizen of either Contracting Party, who is in possession of a valid diplomatic or official/service passport and has to attend a meeting or conference convened by an international organization or Government, in the territory of the other Contracting Party, shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter and stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party.

2. The holders of diplomatic and official/service passports of either Contracting Party who are employed by an international organization, body, agency or any other such entity, would be required to obtain visa prior to their entry into the territory of the other Contracting Party for official or private visits.

ARTICLE 4

1. Each Contracting Party reserves the right to refuse the entry into, or shorten the stay in its territory, of any citizen of the other Contracting Party, whom it may consider undesirable.

2. If a citizen of one Contracting Party loses his/her passport in the territory of the other Contracting Party, he/she shall inform the authorities concerned of the host country for appropriate action. The diplomatic Mission or Consulate concerned will issue a new passport or travel document to its citizen and inform the concerned authorities of the host Government.

ARTICLE 5

Citizens of either Contracting Party, being holders of diplomatic or official/service passports shall abide by the laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party while crossing its frontier and throughout the duration of their stay in its territory.

ARTICLE 6

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, each Contracting Party shall transmit to the other, through diplomatic channels, specimens of its respective passports, including a detailed description of such documents currently used, at least thirty(30) days before the entry into force of this Agreement.

2 Each Contracting Party shall also transmit to the other through diplomatic channels, specimen of its new or modified passports, including a detailed description of such documents, at least thirty (30) days before they are brought into force.

ARTICLE 7

Each Contracting Party reserves the right for reasons of security, public order or public health, to suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this Agreement, which shall take effect immediately after notification has been given to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 8

Either Contracting Party may request in writing, through diplomatic channels, a revision or amendment of the whole or part of this Agreement. Any revision or amendment, which has been agreed to by the Contracting Parties, shall come into effect on a date to be mutually agreed upon and shall accordingly form part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9

Any difference or dispute arising out of the implementation of the provisions of the Agreement shall be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Contracting Parties without reference to any third party or an international tribunal.

ARTICLE 10

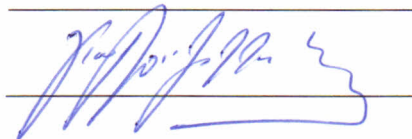
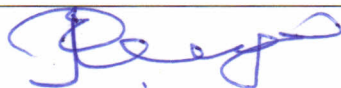
This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be mutually agreed upon by the Contracting Parties, which shall be notified through the exchange of Diplomatic Notes. This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period and may be terminated by either Contracting Party by notification through diplomatic channels, which shall enter into force ninety (90) days after the date of such notification.

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

DONE at Nicosia on this 25th day of May in the year two thousand seven in two(2) originals; in Hindi, Greek and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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