

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF COOPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA
ON
NON-VISA REGIME FOR MUTUAL VISITS OF NATIONALS –
HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND SERVICE/OFFICIAL PASSPORTS**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”);

RECOGNISING the friendly ties existing between the two countries;

DESIROUS of strengthening further and to consolidate their traditional friendly relations;

Desirous to further facilitate travel between the two countries;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

1. The nationals of the country of one of the Parties holding valid diplomatic and service/official passports may enter, exit, transit and temporarily stay in the territory of the other Party without visas for a period of 90 days from the date of entry. In exceptional cases, on the written request from the diplomatic mission or consulate of the Party to which a national belongs, the other Party may issue the required visa.
2. The nationals of the country of one of the Parties during their stay in the territory of the other Party, shall follow the existing laws of that Party, including the rules of registration, stay and movement stipulated for foreign citizens and persons without citizenship.

ARTICLE 2

1. Members of diplomatic missions or consulates of either Party located in the territory of the other Party shall be granted a residence visa valid for the duration of his/her assignment at the written request of the diplomatic mission or consulate concerned, provided that they are citizens of the Party and are holding diplomatic or service/official passports.
2. A citizen of one Party being the representative of his/her country in an international organization located in the territory of the other Party and holding a diplomatic or service/official 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 apply also to a spouse of a member of the diplomatic mission or consulate and their children, provided they are holding diplomatic or service/official passports or they are entered in their father's or mother's passport.

ARTICLE 3

1. Each of the Parties has the right to refuse the permission of entry to the national of the other party or cancel the period of his/her stay in its territory without giving any reasons.

2. The holder of diplomatic and service/official passports of either Party who are international civil servants or who are employed by an international organization, body, agency or any such entity, would be required to obtain a visa prior to their travel to the territory of the other Party for official visits.

ARTICLE 4

1. Each of the Parties has the right in exceptional cases in the interest of national security, public order and health to fully or partially suspend the present agreement.

2. The Party shall inform through diplomatic channels the other Party at the earliest possible opportunity within twenty four hours about the enforcement of these measures and their termination accordingly.

ARTICLE 5

The Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the parties after the signing of the present agreement shall within thirty days through diplomatic channels exchange samples of already introduced diplomatic and service/official passports and also shall exchange the samples of new passports and inform each other about the order of their application not later than thirty days before the introduction of any new passport.

ARTICLE 6

1. The nationals of the Parties holding diplomatic and service/official passports, in case of loss or damage of their passports in the territory of the other Party must inform the concerned authorities of the country of stay which may issue those persons a document certifying registration of lost passport.

2. The diplomatic or consular mission of the country of which the person is a citizen shall issue them with a duplicate passport or any other identity document.

ARTICLE 7

In case of any doubt or interpretational problem that may emerge in the process of implementation of the present Agreement, the Parties shall resolve it by consultations through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 9

With mutual consent, the Parties may amend or alter the present Agreement annexing an additional protocol which shall be considered as an integral part of the present Agreement.


ARTICLE 10


The present agreement shall come into force on the date of the last written notification regarding completion by the Parties of the internal procedures if any necessary for its enforcement. This Agreement shall remain in force until the expiration of three months from the day when one Party transmits to the other Party through diplomatic channels written notification of its intent to terminate the Agreement.

Done at Georgetown this February 4 day of two thousand and three in duplicate each in Hindi and English languages. All texts are equally authentic.

In case of any interpretational differences in the present Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

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


FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA


FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE COOPERATIVE REPUBLIC
OF GUYANA