

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION OF SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS  
ON  
EXEMPTION FROM VISA REQUIREMENT FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC  
AND OFFICIAL/ SERVICE PASSPORTS**

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION OF SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS

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 the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis

Who are holders of diplomatic, official/service passports into their respective countries,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

**ARTICLE 1**

**Visa Exemption**

1. A citizen of either Contracting Party, who is in possession of a valid diplomatic and official/service passport, not accredited in the territory shall be permitted to enter into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party through their respective international border crossing 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 a maximum period of ninety (90) days in any period of one hundred and eight (180) days without a visa.

**ARTICLE 2**

**Visas for Assignments**

1. A Citizen of either Contracting Party, who is assigned as a member of the diplomatic or consular staff or as representative of his/her country in an international organization located in the territory of the other Contracting Party and is in possession of a valid diplomatic, official/service passport, shall be required to obtain a visa prior to entry into the territory of the other Contracting Party.

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2. The holders of diplomatic, 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.

3. The conditions enumerated in paragraph 1 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.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **Refusal of Entry & Loss of Passport**

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 4**

#### **Applicability of Local/National Laws**

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

2. Nothing in the Agreement shall be construed as affecting the rights and obligations set out in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April, 1961 or the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April, 1963.

### **ARTICLE 5**

#### **Passports Validity**

The duration of diplomatic and official/service passports of nationals of either Party shall be valid for at least 6 (Six) months on the date of entry into the territory of the country of the other party.



## ARTICLE 6

### Travel Documents

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

### Suspension

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. The suspension shall not affect the rights of nationals mentioned in Article 1 and 2 of this Agreement who have already entered the territory of the other Contracting Party.

## ARTICLE 8

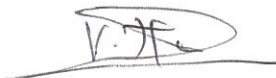
### Revision And Amendments

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

### Dispute Settlement

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

### Entry Into Force, Duration And Termination

1. This Agreement shall remain valid for an indefinite period of time and shall enter into force ninety (90) days from the date of the receipt of the second diplomatic note in which the Contracting Parties shall inform each other that the national legal requirements for entry into force of this Agreement have been met.

2. Each Contracting Party may, at any time, terminate this Agreement through written notification by diplomatic channels. The termination will be effective 90 (ninety) days after the receipt of the notification. The termination shall not affect the rights of nationals mentioned in Article 1 and 2 of this Agreement who have already entered the territory of the other Contracting Party.

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

DONE at **Basseterre** on this **sixteenth** day of **February** in the year **Two Thousand Eighteen** in two (2) originals; in Hindi, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA



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to Saint Kitts and Nevis

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE FEDERATION OF SAINT  
KITTS AND NEVIS



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