

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

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Serbia

Hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties,

Wishing to promote their bilateral relations and with a view to facilitating the travel of citizens of the two Contracting Parties, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Citizens of one Contracting Party, who are holders of valid diplomatic or official passports, shall be exempted from a visa requirement for entry into, exit from and transit through the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party and shall be allowed to stay there for a maximum period of ninety (90) days.

ARTICLE 2

1. Members of diplomatic missions and consular posts accredited to the other Contracting Party and their dependents forming part of their household, who are holders of diplomatic or official passports, shall be granted, on request from the diplomatic mission/consular post concerned, within ninety days of the arrival of the diplomatic or official passport holder, 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

Under this Agreement, a citizen of either Contracting Party shall be obliged to observe the laws and regulations in force in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 4

1. This Agreement shall not restrict the right of the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties to refuse the entry or leave to stay to the holders of diplomatic or official passports of the other Contracting Party referred to in Articles 1 and 2 of this Agreement, provided that these persons are considered as personae non gratae, without providing reasons for their decision.

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

1. The Contracting Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their valid diplomatic and official passports subject to the provisions of this Agreement not later than thirty (30) days before entry into force of this Agreement.

2. If new diplomatic, official or special passports are introduced, or the existing ones are changed, the Contracting Parties shall exchange their specimens through diplomatic channels not later than thirty (30) days before they have been formally introduced.

ARTICLE 6

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

ARTICLE 7

This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of the last notification in which the Contracting Parties have informed each other through diplomatic channels that conditions prescribed by their national laws for entry into force of this Agreement have been fulfilled.

ARTICLE 8

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 channel.

ARTICLE 9

Either Contracting Party may request in writing, through diplomatic channels, a revision or amendment of the whole or part of the Agreement. Any revision or amendment, which has been agreed to by the Contracting Parties, shall come into effect as stipulated in the Article 7 of the Agreement and shall accordingly form a part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 10

This Agreement shall remain in force for indefinite period of time. Each Contracting Party may terminate it any time by informing the other Contracting Party thereof through diplomatic channels, and the Agreement shall cease to be in force thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of such notification.

Done at BELGRADE on this 17th day of SEPTEMBER 2007 in two originals each, in Hindi, Serbian and English languages all text being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

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