

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND ON EXEMPTION FROM VISA REQUIREMENT FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS**

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND

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

WITH A VIEW to further strengthening the friendly relations and close ties between the Contracting Parties

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

CONSIDERING the close relationship between Iceland and the European Union, particularly by virtue of the Agreement concluded on 18 May 1999 by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the latter's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis,

HAVING REGARD to the Council Regulation (EC) No. 539/2001 of 15 March 2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those countries whose nationals are exempt from the requirement, and Article 4 (1) stating that Member States may provide for exemptions from the visa requirement for holders of diplomatic and official passports,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

**ARTICLE 1**

**Visa Exemption**

1. A citizen of either Contracting Party, who is in possession of a valid diplomatic or official 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 Iceland, holding a valid diplomatic or official passport (in Icelandic: Þjónustuvegabréf) issued by Iceland may stay in the territory of the Republic of India for a maximum period of **90 days in any period of 180 days**, without a visa.
3. A citizen of the Republic of India, holding a valid diplomatic or official passport issued by the Republic of India may stay in the territory of Iceland for a maximum period of **90 days in any period of 180 days**, without a visa. For citizens of the Republic of India the determination of the maximum period of 90

