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Nationals by the Government of Barbados

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The Ministry forwards herewith, Diplomatic Note No. CONS/2019/94 dated October 10, 2019 for your urgent information.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados presents its compliments to the High Commission for India at Paramibo, Suriname and has the honour to inform that on May 16, 2019, the Cabinet of Barbados agreed to the exemption of visas on all categories of Passports for citizens of some twenty-five (25) countries. The Government's decision was predicated on a foreign policy imperative to enhance bilateral relations with several strategic partners. The suppression of travel visas to citizens of the respective countries is expected to facilitate greater cooperation, particularly in the areas of tourism, trade and investment. The recent visa waiver policy takes immediate effect.

The Ministry further has the honour to confirm that the Barbados Immigration Department, pursuant to the recent visa waiver policy has ensured that the requisite administrative procedures, both local and international have been implemented. As such, passport holders of the designated countries are exempt of travel visas to Barbados. The Ministry would therefore wish to request that on the principle of reciprocity, citizens of Barbados travelling to the respective countries may be afforded similar facilitation. The Ministry encloses herewith, a copy of the list of countries by geographic region for wider circulation.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission for India at Paramibo in Suriname, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Barbados

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Abolition of Visa Requirements for all Passport Holders from the following selected countries:

<u>Africa</u>

Burkina Faso

Burundi

Cameroon Ethiopia

Ghana

Liberia

Morocco

Nigeria

Rwanda

Senegal

Gulf States Region

Bahrain

Jordan

Oman

Saudi Arabia

Qatar

Asia

India

Indonesia

The Philippines

Special Administrative Region of Macao (People's Republic of China)

Thailand

Vietnam

Central America

Guatemala

Europe

The Principality of Monaco

Russian Federation

Serbia