

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

ON MUTUAL EXEMPTION OF SHORT-STAY VISAS

FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FRENCH REPUBLIC**

hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

Desiring to foster and develop their bilateral relations and to facilitate the movement of their nationals,

Have Agreed as follows:

Article 1

Nationals of the Republic of India (travelling for official business or private purpose) who hold a valid diplomatic passport shall have visa-free access to and exit from the territory of the French Republic including all French metropolitan departments, as well as overseas departments and regions (DROM), overseas communities (COM) and New Caledonia, for one uninterrupted stay or several stays totalling not more than 90 (ninety) days in 6 (six) month period from the date of first entry into the Schengen Area or into any part of the territory of the French Republic outside this Area.

Article 2

Nationals of the French Republic (travelling for official business or private purpose) who hold a valid diplomatic passport shall have visa-free access to and exit from the territory of the Republic of India for one uninterrupted stay or several stays totalling not more than 90 (ninety) days in 6 (six) month period from the date of first entry into the territory of the Republic of India.

Article 3

1. Nationals of either Party who hold diplomatic passports must obtain a visa for one or more stays of greater duration than that stipulated in Articles 1 and 2 of this Agreement.
2. This Agreement does not exempt nationals of either Party holding valid diplomatic passports, and appointed to the diplomatic missions or consular posts of that Party to the territory of the other Party or are representatives of that Party to the international organizations having their seats in the territory of the other Party, from the requirement to obtain a visa for accreditation by the Receiving State prior to their arrival.

Article 4

Nationals of either Party who hold a diplomatic passports, referred to in this Agreement, must abide by the current legislation during their stay in the territory of the other Party and by the international treaties to which they are Parties.

Article 5

Each Party shall transmit to the other, through diplomatic channels, specimens of its current diplomatic passports, new or modified, and shall brief the other Party on the conditions under which these passports are granted and used. Each Party shall notify the other of any changes to the appearance of these passports or to the conditions under which they are granted and used at least sixty days prior to their introduction and shall supply new specimens of the passports. The other Party shall be notified within sixty days of the loss, theft, or cancellation of any diplomatic passport.

Article 6

In the event of divergences pertaining to the implementation of the Agreement, both Parties shall settle them exclusively through bilateral diplomatic channels.

Article 7

1. The implementation of this Agreement may be suspended in whole or in part for reasons of National Security, Public Order or Health by either of the Parties.

2. The Party which decides to temporarily suspend in whole or in part the implementation of the Agreement shall duly inform the other Party through diplomatic channels.

