

AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN

ON MUTUAL EXEMPTION FROM THE VISA REQUIREMENT

FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC, OFFICIAL/SERVICE PASSPORTS

The Government of the Republic of India and

The Government of the Republic of Benin

Hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties";

Desirous of developing friendly relations and strengthening existing cooperation between them;

Concerned with facilitating the entry of the citizens of each Party into the territory of the other Party;

Taking into account the provisions of the Vienna Convention of 1961 on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention of 1963 on Consular Relations ;
have agreed as follows:

Article 1: Abolition of visas

1. Nationals of the Republic of Benin holding valid diplomatic, official or service passports shall be exempt from the visa requirement when travelling to, transiting or staying in the territory of the Republic of India.
Nationals of the Republic of India holding valid diplomatic or official passports shall be exempt from the visa requirement when travelling to, transiting or staying in the territory of the Republic of Benin.
2. The persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this article shall be authorized to stay in the territory of the other Party for a maximum period of ninety (90) days from the day of entry over a period of 180 days.
3. The period of validity of diplomatic, official or service passports of nationals of one of the Parties shall be at least six (6) months from the date of entry into the territory of the other Party.

Article 2: Visas for Assignments

1. A Citizen of either Contracting Party, who is assigned as a member of the diplomatic or consular staff in Missions / Posts 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 passport, shall be required to obtain a visa prior to entry into the territory of the other Contracting Party.

