Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Djibouti on Exemption from Visa Requirement for Holders of Diplomatic & Official/Service Passports

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Djibouti (hereafter referred to singularly as the "Contracting Party" and collectively as the "Contracting Parties")

CONSIDERING the interest of both countries to strengthen their friendly relations, and

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

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/service 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 either Contracting Party, holding the said passport shall be allowed to stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a maximum period of 90 days in any period of 180 days without a visa.

ARTICLE 2

Visas for Assignments

Citizens holding diplomatic or official/service passports, who are members of the Diplomatic or Consular Representation and International/Regional Organizations located in the territory of the other Party, as well as members of their families, will *be required to obtain* visas to enter, exit, transit and stay in the territory of the other Party for the duration of their accreditation.

ARTICLE 3

Refusal of Entry & Loss of Passport

1. Each Contracting Party reserves the right to refuse the entry into, or shorten the stay in its territory, of any citizen of the other Contracting Party, whom it may consider undesirable.

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 4

Applicability of Local/National Laws

1. Citizens of either Contracting Party, being holders of diplomatic or official/service passports shall abide by the laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party while crossing its frontier and throughout the duration of their stay in its territory.

2. Nothing in the Agreement shall be construed as affecting the rights and obligations set out in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April, 1961 or the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April, 1963.

ARTICLE 5

Passports Validity

The duration of diplomatic or official/service passports of nationals of either Party shall be valid for at least 6 (Six) months on the date of entry into the territory of the country of the other party.

ARTICLE 6

Travel Documents

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, each Contracting Party shall transmit to the other, through diplomatic channels, specimens of its respective passports, including a detailed description of such documents currently used, at least thirty (30) days before the entry into force of this Agreement.

2 Each Contracting Party shall also transmit to the other through diplomatic channels, specimen of its new or modified passports, including a detailed description of such documents, at least thirty (30) days before they are brought into force.

ARTICLE 7

Suspension

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 channels. The suspension shall not affect the rights of nationals who have already entered the territory of the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 8

Revision and Amendments

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

ARTICLE 9

Dispute Settlement

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

ARTICLE 10

Entry into Force, Duration and Termination

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be mutually agreed upon by the Contracting Parties, which shall be notified through the exchange of Diplomatic Notes. This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period and may be terminated by either Contracting Party by a written notification through diplomatic channels, which shall enter into force ninety (90) days after the date of such notification. The termination shall not affect the rights of nationals who have already entered the territory of the other Contracting Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Djibouti on this 22nd day of September in the year two thousand twenty two in three (3) originals; in Hindi, French and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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