

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

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND

Hereafter referred to singularly as the "Party" and collectively as the "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 Finland

Who are holders of diplomatic passports into their respective countries,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Visa Exemption

1. The nationals of the State of one Party, holding valid diplomatic
passports and not accredited in the territory of the State of the other Party shall
be exempted from visa requirements to enter, transit, stay or exit the territory of
the State of the other Party for a period not exceeding 90 (ninety) calendar days
during 180 (one hundred eighty) calendar days from the date of the first entry to
the territory of the state of the other Party.

ARTICLE 2

Visas for Assignments

2. The nationals of the State of one Party, holding valid diplomatic
passports, who are the members of the diplomatic missions and consular
offices or international organizations on the territory of the State of the other
Party, as well as their family members who live with them in the same
household, shall be required to obtain a visa prior to entry into the territory of
the State of the other Party.

ARTICLE 3

Applicability of Local/National Laws

3. The nationals of the State of one Party, holding valid diplomatic
passports, during their stay on the territory of the State of the other Party are
obliged to abide by the rules and regulations currently in force in the State of
that Party, without prejudice to provisions of Vienna Convention on diplomatic
relations of 1961 and the Vienna Convention on consular relations of 1963.

ARTICLE 4

Passports Validity

4. The validity of diplomatic passports of nationals of either Party shall be at least 6 (six) months on the date of entry into the territory of other Party.

ARTICLE 5

Travel Documents

5. The Parties shall exchange specimens of valid diplomatic passports through diplomatic channels not later than 30 (thirty) calendar days before the entry into force of this Agreement.

6. In case of modification of diplomatic passports the Parties shall convey to each other, through diplomatic channels, specimens of new diplomatic passports not later than 30 (thirty) calendar days before their entry into force.

ARTICLE 6

Suspension

7. Each Party, for reasons of security and public order, reserves the right to refuse entry, reduce or terminate the stay of a national whose stay is considered undesirable by the host State, as well as temporarily suspend this Agreement in whole or partly.

8. The other Party shall be informed on the suspension of the implementation of this Agreement and the nullification of a suspension decision, through diplomatic channels not later than 72 (seventy-two) hours before the entry into force of such a decision.

9. Such suspension shall not affect legal provisions of nationals, holders of valid diplomatic passports, staying on the territory of the State of the other Party.

ARTICLE 7

Revision and Amendments

10. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties, by writing and through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 8

Dispute Settlement

11. Any disputes or differences arising out of the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by consultations or negotiations between the Parties.

ARTICLE 9

Entry Into Force, Duration And Termination

12. This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period and terminates its effect by the end of 3 (three) months from the date of receipt through diplomatic channels by one Party a written notice of the other Party on intention to terminating the Agreement.

13. This Agreement shall enter into force 30 (thirty) calendar days, that is December 5, 2017, after receipt of the last written notification, through diplomatic channels, by which one Party informs the other Party of the completion of internal juridical procedures required for that purpose.

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

DONE at Helsinki on this 06 day of November in the year two thousand seventeen in two (2) originals; in Hindi, English, Finnish and Swedish languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
REPUBLIC OF INDIA
FINLAND**

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Smt. Vani Rao
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