



AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA ON
RECIPROCAL VISA WAIVER
FOR
HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea [hereafter referred to singularly as "**Contracting Party**" and collectively as "**Contracting Parties**";

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

DESIRING to ease travel formalities between the two countries and to facilitate travel by ensuring visa-free entry and short stay for citizens of the Contracting Parties holding diplomatic and official passports;

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 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 a visa, for the period of stay defined under Paragraph 2.
2. A citizen of either Contracting Party, holding a valid diplomatic or official passport shall not stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party beyond a period of more than 60 days in any period of 180 days without a visa.

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 organisation located in the territory of the other Contracting Party and is in possession of a valid diplomatic or official passport, shall be required to obtain a visa prior to entry into the territory of the other Contracting Party.
2. The holders of diplomatic or official passports of either Contracting Party who are employed by an international organisation, body agency or any other such entity, will be required to obtain visa prior to their entry into the territory of the other Contracting Party for official or private visits.
3. The conditions enumerated in paragraph 1 of this Article shall also apply to the spouse of a member of the diplomatic Mission or Consulate or representative in an international organization, their children and their dependent parents.

ARTICLE 3

Refusal of Entry or 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 re-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 passport shall abide by the laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party while crossing its borders 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

Passport's Validity

The duration of diplomatic and official passports of citizens of either Contracting Party shall be valid for at least six (6) months on the date of entry into the territory of the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 6

Travel Documents

1. For the purposes of this Agreement each Contracting Party shall transmit to the other Contracting Party, 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 Contracting Party 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

1. Each Contracting Party reserve the rights 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.
2. The suspension shall not affect the rights of citizens who have already entered the territory of the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 8

Revision and Amendments

1. Either Contracting Party may request in writing, through diplomatic channels, a revision or amendment of the whole or part of this Agreement.
2. 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

1. 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.
2. 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

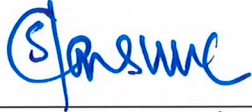
date of such notification.

3. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the rights of the citizens who have already entered the territory of the Contracting Parties under this arrangement prior to the Agreement being terminated.

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

SIGNED at Port Moresby on this day 21st of May in the year 2023 in duplicate originals; in Hindi, and English languages, all text being equally authentic.

In the event of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
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