

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

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Striving to strengthen the friendly relations between the States of the Parties,

Desiring to facilitate the entry and exit, as well as mutual travel of the citizens of the States of the Parties, holding valid diplomatic passports,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Visa Exemption

The holders of valid diplomatic passports of the State of either Party shall enter, exit, transit and temporarily stay in the territory of the State of the other Party without visas for a period of up to sixty (60) days from the date of entry into the territory of the State of that Party.

Article 2

Applicability of National Laws

1. The holders of valid diplomatic passports of the State of either Party, during their stay in the territory of the State of the other-Party, shall follow the national laws of the State of that Party, including the rules of registration, stay and transportation applicable for foreign citizens.

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 3

Visas for Assignments

1. A citizen **of the State** of either 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 State** 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 State** of the other Contracting Party.

2. The holders of diplomatic passports **of the State** of either Party who are employed by an international organization, body, agency or any other such entity, would be required to obtain visa prior to their entry into the territory **of the State** of the other 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 international organization, their children and their dependent parents.

Article 4

Refusal of Entry & Suspension

1. Each Party reserves the right to refuse entry to the territory of its State or limit the period of stay of valid diplomatic passport holders of the State of the other Party if the person is considered undesirable.

2. Each Party may temporarily, in whole or in part, suspend the implementation of this Agreement due to reasons of public order, national security or protection of public health. The suspension shall not affect the rights of citizens who have already entered the territory of the State of the other Party.

3. The Parties shall inform each other through diplomatic channels, not later than 72 hours, of the implementation of the measures referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article.

Article 5

Travel Documents

1. The diplomatic passports of citizens of the State of either Party shall be valid for at least 6 (six) months as on the date of entry into the territory of the State of the other Party.

2. The Parties shall exchange within 30 days from the date of signing of this Agreement through diplomatic channels, samples of existing diplomatic passports, including a detailed description of such documents.

3. Either Party, if it substitutes diplomatic passports or amends them during the validity of this Agreement, shall inform the other Party 30 days prior through diplomatic channels and provide samples of new passports, including a detailed description of such documents.

Article 6

Loss of Passport

1. The holders of valid diplomatic passports of the State of either Party, in case of loss or damage of travel documents in the territory of the State of the other

Party, shall immediately inform the diplomatic Mission or consular Post of their own State, which shall notify the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Ministry of External Affairs of the receiving country to take appropriate measures.

2. In case of lost or damaged passports, the diplomatic Mission or consular Post of the State of the Party concerned shall issue a new passport or other travel document, temporarily replacing the lost passport. Departure from the territory of the State of the receiving Party is possible in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the legislation of the State of the receiving Party.

Article 7

Dispute Settlement

In case of disputes and disagreements on the implementation and interpretations of the provisions of this Agreement, the Parties shall resolve them by negotiations and consultations through diplomatic channels without reference to any third party or an international tribunal.

Article 8

Revision and Amendments

This Agreement may be amended or supplemented by the mutual consent of the Parties through separate protocols, which shall become an integral part of this Agreement and shall enter into force according to the procedure provided in Article 9 of the Agreement.

Article 9

Entry Into Force, Duration And Termination

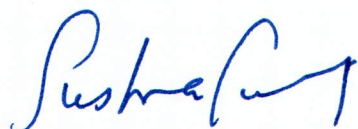
1. This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period and shall come into force 30 days from the date of receipt of the last written notification on completion of the necessary internal legal procedures by the Parties for its entry into force.

2. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving a written notification to the other Party. This Agreement shall be terminated after ninety (90) days from the date of receiving such notification from the other Party.

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

Done at New Delhi on this 1st day of October 2018 in two (2) originals each in Hindi, Uzbek and English and languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Government of the
Republic of India**



**Smt. Sushma Swaraj
External Affairs Minister**

**For the Government of the
Republic of Uzbekistan**



**Mr. Abdulaziz Kamilov
Minister of Foreign Affairs**