MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS ON EXEMPTION FROM VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF VALID DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Participants" and separately as a "Participant");

CONSIDERING the interest of the Participants in strengthening their friendly relations;

DESIRING to facilitate the entry of nationals of the Republic of India and nationals of the Netherlands who are holders of a valid diplomatic passport into their respective countries;

WILLING to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding on exemption from visa requirements for holders of a valid diplomatic passport;

Have come to the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH 1
DEFINITIONS

In this Memorandum of Understanding, unless the context indicates otherwise:

1. "Participant" will mean the Republic of India or the Netherlands acting jointly;
2. "Country" will mean the Republic of India or the Netherlands;
3. "Territory" will mean:

- For India: the territory of the Republic of India.
- For the Netherlands: the territory of European part of the Netherlands.

PARAGRAPH 2
COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be:

(a) For the Republic of India: the Ministry of External Affairs;

(b) For the Netherlands: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

PARAGRAPH 3
EXEMPTION FROM VISA REQUIREMENTS

(1) The competent authorities of the Netherlands will allow the nationals of the Republic of India who are holders of a valid diplomatic passport to enter into, transfer via and exit from the European part of the Netherlands without a visa and to stay in the Netherlands for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days in any period of one hundred and eighty (180) days without a visa.

(2) The competent authorities of the Republic of India will allow the nationals of the Kingdom of the Netherlands who are holders of a valid diplomatic passport to enter into, exit from or transit through the territory of the Republic of India through the respective international points of entry/exit and to stay for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days in any period of one hundred and eighty (180) days without a visa.

PARAGRAPH 4
ACCREDITED AND APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

(1) A national of either Participant, who is assigned as a member of the diplomatic or consular staff in missions/posts or as a representative of that person's country to an international organization located in the territory of the other Participant and is in possession of a valid diplomatic passport, will be required to obtain a visa prior to first entry into the territory of the other Participant.

(2) A national of either Participant, who is employed by an international organization, body, agency or any other such entity and is in possession of a valid diplomatic passport will require a visa for entry into the territory of the other Participant.

(3) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph will also apply to the family members forming part of the household, according to the protocol guide or law of the receiving country, of a diplomatic passport holder accredited or appointed to a diplomatic mission or consular post or to an international organization.

PARAGRAPH 5
REFUSAL OF ADMISSION

Notwithstanding Paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Memorandum of Understanding, each Participant may refuse to admit to its territory or shorten the stay in its territory of any person who is regarded as being undesirable or whose presence in the country is regarded as prejudicial to public order or to national security.

PARAGRAPH 6
LOSS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT

If a national of one Participant loses his/her diplomatic passport in the territory of the other Participant, he/she will 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.

PARAGRAPH 7
APPLICABILITY OF EUROPEAN UNION LAW/ NATIONAL LAW

(1) The competent authorities of the Netherlands will at all times act in accordance with the law of the European Union and their national law.

(2) The competent authorities of the Republic of India will at all times act in accordance with their national laws.

(3) The Participants will endeavor to ensure that holders of a valid diplomatic passport will abide by the laws and regulations of the other Participant while crossing its frontier and throughout the duration of their stay in its territory.

PARAGRAPH 8
DOCUMENTATION

(1) For the purposes of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Netherlands will provide each other through diplomatic channels, specimens of its respective passports, including a detailed description of such documents currently used, at least thirty (30) days before this Memorandum of Understanding is signed.

(2) The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Netherlands will provide each other through diplomatic channels with specimens of their new or modified diplomatic passport, as well as with the particulars concerning the use of these passports, as far as possible, sixty (60) days before their date of introduction.

PARAGRAPH 9
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute between the Participants arising from the application or interpretation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations between the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 10
SUSPENSION

Each Participant will have the possibility for reasons of security, public order or public health, to suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, which will take effect

immediately after notification has been given to the other Participant through diplomatic channels. However, during the suspension, the Participants will continue to allow nationals who are holders of a valid diplomatic passport who have already entered their territory, to stay in and to depart from their territory for the remainder of the periods envisaged in paragraph 3.

PARAGRAPH 11
FINAL PROVISIONS

(1) This Memorandum of Understanding will come into operation on the 30th day from date of signing between the Participants and will remain valid unless terminated.

(2) This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent of the Participants or terminated by one of the Participants, in writing, subject to three months prior notice served through diplomatic channels.

(3) This Memorandum of Understanding does not create or affect any rights or obligations under international law including Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April, 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April, 1963.

Signed at THE HAGUE, on 13 MAY
in the year 2026 in two (2) originals in English.

Signature:	Signature:
Name: Kumar Tuhin Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of the Netherlands	Name: Jeroen Roodenburg Director Consular and Visa Affairs Department
For the Government of the Republic of India	For the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands