

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
BAHAMAS REGARDING THE WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR
HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

Hereinafter referred to individually as the "Contracting party" and jointly as the
"Contracting Parties"

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

DESIRING to facilitate the movement of holders of diplomatic or official
passports issued by the Contracting Parties into their respective countries;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS

Holders of valid diplomatic or official passports issued by either country,
may enter, exit, transit and stay in the country of the other Contracting Party for
a period not exceeding ninety (90) days, in any period of 180 days, without
having to obtain a visa.

Article 2

ACCREDITED DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR STAFF

1. A Citizen of either Contracting Party, who is assigned as a member of
the diplomatic or consular staff or as representative of his/her country in an
international organization 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 Organization, body, agency or any
other such entity, would be required to obtain visa prior to their entry into the
territory of the other Contracting Party for official or private visits.

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to the spouse of a member of the diplomatic Mission or Consulate or representative in international organization, their children and their dependent parents.

Article 3

REFUSAL OF ENTRY

1. Either Contracting Party has the right to refuse entry into or shorten the stay in its territory of any person who is a holder of a valid diplomatic or official passport issued by the other Contracting Party on the grounds of national security, public order and public health, or because the presence of such holder in its territory is considered undesirable or such holder has been declared persona non grata, without citing grounds thereof.
2. Where either Contracting Party has refused entry to or shortened the stay of the holders of a valid diplomatic or official passport, the Contracting Party issuing such passport shall re-admit the holder into its territory without any requirement for formalities.

Article 4

LOSS OF PASSPORT

If the holders of a diplomatic or official passport issued by either Contracting Party loses such passport while in the territory of the other Contracting Party:

1. The relevant authorities in the territory of the Contracting Party where the passport was lost shall be informed of such loss and shall issue, free of charge, a document certifying the circumstances of the loss; and
2. The holder of such diplomatic or official passport shall be issued with a new passport by the respective Diplomatic Mission or Consular Office who shall, in compliance of Article 7, inform the relevant authorities of the other Contracting Party of the details of the new passport.

Article 5

MOVEMENT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

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Article 6

VALIDITY

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

Article 7

NOTIFICATION OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

1. Within thirty (30) days of signature of this Agreement, each Contracting Party shall transmit to the other Contracting Party, through diplomatic channels, specimens of its diplomatic and official passports, in current use, including a detailed description of such documents.
2. Within thirty (30) days of the introduction of any new or modified design of its diplomatic or official passport, each Contracting Party shall transmit to the other Contracting Party, through diplomatic channels, specimens of the new or modified designs, including a detailed description of such documents.

Article 8

SUSPENSION

1. 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.
2. The suspending Party shall lift the suspension as soon as possible once the reasons for suspension no longer exist by way of written notification to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels.

Article 9

AMENDMENT

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.

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Article 10

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

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 11

ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which each Contracting Party has notified the other in writing through diplomatic channels of its compliance with the legal requirements necessary for the implementation thereof. The date of entry into force shall be the date of the last notification.
2. The Agreement shall remain in force, unless terminated in accordance with sub-Article 3 hereafter.
3. This Agreement may be terminated by either Contracting Party by giving a thirty (30) days' written notice in advance through diplomatic channels to the Contracting Party of its intention to terminate it.
4. The termination shall not affect the rights of citizens who have already entered the territory of the Contracting Party.

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

DONE at Nassau on this 29th day of November in the year two thousand Eighteen in two (2) originals; each in Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of
The Republic of India



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