

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF INDIA**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF
COMOROS**

**ON THE EXEMPTION OF VISA FOR
DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL/ SERVICE
PASSPORTS HOLDERS**

The GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF COMOROS

Hereafter referred to singularly as the “Contracting Party” and
collectively as the “Contracting 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 Union of Comoros

Who are holders of diplomatic or official/service passports into
their respective countries.

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Visa Exemption

1.1 A citizen of either Contracting Party, who is in possession of
a valid diplomatic or official/service passport shall be permitted to
enter, leave and transit through the territory of the other
Contracting Party through its respective international entry / exit
points without a visa (ports or international airports).

1.2 A citizen of either Contracting Party, holding the said
passport shall be allowed to stay in the territory of the other
Contracting Party for a maximum period of **90 days in any period
of 180 days**, without a visa.

ARTICLE 2

Visas for Assignments

2.1 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 organization
located in the territory of the other Contracting Party and is in
possession of a valid diplomatic or official/service passport, shall
be required to obtain a visa prior to entry into the territory of the
other Contracting Party.

2.2 The holders of diplomatic or official/service passports of
either Contracting Party who are employed by an international
organization, body, 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 /service or private visits.

2.3 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 3

Refusal of Entry & Loss of Passport

3.1 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.

3.2 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.

3.3 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.

ARTICLE 4

Applicability of Local/National Laws

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

4.2 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

Passports Validity

The duration of diplomatic or official/service passports of nationals of either Party shall be valid for at least 6 (six) months on the date of entry into the territory of the country of the other party.

ARTICLE 6

Travel Documents

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

6.2 Each Contracting Party shall also transmit to the other 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

7.1 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.

7.2 The suspension shall not affect the rights of nationals who have already entered the territory of the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 8

Revision and Amendments

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

8.2 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

10.1 The 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.

10.2 This Agreement shall remain in force for indefinite period. It may be terminated by either Contracting Parties by a written notification through diplomatic channels, which shall enter into force ninety (90) days after the date of such notification.

10.3 The termination shall not affect the rights of nationals who have already entered the territory of the other Contracting Party.

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

DONE at Moroni, Comoros on this 11th day of October in the year two thousand Nineteen in two (2) originals; in English language.



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