

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

ON VISA EXEMPTION FOR DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia (hereinafter referred to as the Parties);

RECOGNISING the friendly ties existing between the two countries;

DESIROUS of strengthening further and to consolidate their traditional friendly relations;

DESIROUS further of facilitating travel between the two countries;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I EXEMPTION

1. A citizen of either Party holding a valid diplomatic or official passport shall be exempt from entry visa, transit visa and exit visa where applicable, while entering into, transiting through or exiting from the territory of the other Party.
2. The nationals of both countries who hold valid diplomatic or official passports, issued by the authorities concerned, shall be allowed to enter and stay in the territory of the other Party for a period of 14 days, without having to obtain visa previously.

Article II GRANTING OF VISA

1. Members of the diplomatic Mission or Consulate of either Party located in the territory of the other Party shall be granted a suitable visa valid for the duration of his/her assignment at the written request of the diplomatic Mission or Consulate concerned, provided they are citizens of that Party and are holding diplomatic or official passports.
2. The facilities enumerated in paragraph 1 of this Article shall also apply to the spouse of a member of the diplomatic Mission or Consulate and their unmarried children under the age of 21 years, provided they are holding a similar category of passport or the children's names are entered in their father's or mother's passport.

Article III
OBLIGATION

1. This Agreement does not exempt the holder of the said passport from the obligation of respecting all regulations under existing laws of the host country.
2. Either Party has the right to refuse entry or to cut short the duration of stay of any citizen from the other party.
3. The holders of diplomatic or official passport of either Party who are international civil servants or who are employed by an international organization, body, agency or any other such entity, would be required to obtain visa prior to their travel to the territory of the other Party for official visits.

Article IV
SAMPLE AND ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT OR TRAVEL DOCUMENT

1. After the signing of this Agreement, the two Parties shall exchange through diplomatic channels the sample of the passport being used by each Party, within 30 days of the signing of this Agreement, and the sample of any new passport, at least 30 days before it is introduced.
2. If a citizen of one Party loses his/her passport in the territory of the other Party, he/she shall inform the authorities concerned of the host country for appropriate action. The diplomatic Mission or Consulate concerned will issue a fresh passport or travel document to its citizen and inform the concerned authorities of the local Government.

Article V
SUSPENSION

In the interest of national security or public health, either Party may temporarily suspend a part of or the whole Agreement. The Party which decides to temporarily suspend or denounce a part of/or the whole Agreement shall immediately inform the other Party of such a decision through diplomatic channels.

Article VI
ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION, SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE AND AMENDMENT

1. This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days from the day the receipt of the last notification in which the Parties have informed each other through diplomatic channels that all requirements for entry into force of the Agreement as stipulated by their respective national legislation have been met.
2. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and may be renewed for further period of five (5) years by mutual consent in writing.

3. Any difference or dispute arising out of the implementation of the provision of the Agreement shall be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Parties without reference to any third party or an international tribunal.
4. This Agreement may be amended or revised if it is deemed necessary, by mutual consent in writing by the Parties. Such amendment or revision shall enter into force on such a date as may be determined by the Parties.

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

DONE at New Delhi on this 3rd day of April of the year two thousand and two in two originals each in the Hindi, Indonesian and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the
Republic of India



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Republic of Indonesia



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