AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PERU ON ABOLITION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL/SERVICE PASSPORTS

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Peru (hereinafter referred to as the Contracting 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 - 1

Citizens of either Contracting Party who are holders of a valid diplomatic, service or official passport are not required to obtain a visa to enter, exit, transit through or stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days.

ARTICLE - 2

Citizens of either Contracting Party who are assigned as members of Diplomatic Mission, Consular Post or an International Organization in the territory of the other Contracting Party and in possession of valid diplomatic, service or official passports, as well as their family members holding the said passports, shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter the territory of the other Contracting Party and shall be granted residence visas valid for the duration of their assignment at the written request of the Diplomatic Mission or Consulate concerned.

ARTICLE - 3

The holders of diplomatic, service or official passports of either Contracting 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 Contracting Party for official visits.

ARTICLE - 4

This Agreement does not affect the right of the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties to refuse permission to enter its territory or terminate stay on its territory to any citizen of the other Contracting Party considered "persona non grata" without mentioning reasons for this purpose.

ARTICLE - 5

Holders of a valid diplomatic, service or official passport of either Contracting Party, during their stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party, are obliged to abide by its laws and regulations currently in force.

ARTICLE - 6

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. The diplomatic Mission or Consulate concerned will issue a fresh passport or travel document to its citizen and inform the concerned authorities of the host Government.

ARTICLE - 7

Each Contracting Party has the right, for security, public order or health reasons, to suspend temporarily, partially or totally, the force of the present Agreement. The beginning and the termination of such a suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE - 8

- 1. The Contracting Parties shall convey to each other, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their respective diplomatic, service and official passports currently used at least thirty (30) days prior to the entry into force of this Agreement.
- 2. In case of introduction of new diplomatic, service and official passports or modification of the same, the Contracting Parties shall convey to each other, through the same way, their specimens, at least thirty (30) days prior to their application.

ARTICLE - 9

Any dispute arising out of the effective implementation of the Agreement between the Contracting Parties shall be settled through mutual consultations.

ARTICLE - 10

This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days from the day of receipt of the last notification in which the Contracting Parties have informed each other, through diplomatic channels of the fulfillment of internal requirements for the entry into force of the Agreement.

This Agreement has been concluded for an indefinite period. Each Contracting Party may at any time terminate the Agreement, by writing, through diplomatic channels. Its validity shall be terminated after thirty (30) days of the handing over of the written notification to the other Contracting Party.

This Agreement may be modified or amended by mutual consent of the two Contracting Parties.

Done at Lima on 3.1 June, 2003 in two originals each in Hindi, Spanish and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of doubt, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the

Republic of India

For the Government of the Republic of Peru