

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

ON EXEMPTION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR

HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made between the Republic of Zambia of the one part and the Republic of India of the other part (Hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties" and individually as "the Party")

Moved by the need to deepen their excellent friendly relations and cooperation between them;

Considering the interests of the Parties to stimulate, consolidate and strengthen the cooperation of people; and

Desiring to facilitate the easy movement of the citizens of both Parties who are holders of Diplomatic passports into their respective countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS,

ARTICLE 1

Visa Exemption

1. A citizen of either Party, who is in possession of a valid diplomatic passport shall be permitted to enter into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Party through their respective international points of entry/exit without visas.
2. A citizen of either Party, holding the said passport shall be allowed to stay in the territory of other Party for a maximum period of 90 days in any period of 180 days.

ARTICLE 2

Visa for Assignments

1. A citizen of either Party, who is assigned as a member of the diplomatic or consular staff in Mission/Posts or as representative of his/her country in an international organization located in the territory of the other Party and is in possession of a valid diplomatic passport, shall be required to obtain a visa prior to entry into the territory of the other Party.
2. The holders of diplomatic passports of either Party who are employed by an international organisation, body, agency or any other such entity, shall be required to obtain visa prior to their entry into the territory of the other Party for official or private visits.





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

Visa for Attending Meetings

A citizen of either Party, who is in possession of a valid diplomatic passport and has to attend a meeting or conference convened by an international organisation or government, in the territory of the other Party, will not be required to obtain a visa to enter and stay in the territory of the other Party.

ARTICLE 4

Refusal of entry and loss of passports

1. Each Party reserves the right to refuse the entry into, or shorten the stay in its territory, of any citizen of the other Party, whom it may consider undesirable.
2. If a citizen of one Party loses his/her passport in the territory of the other Party, 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.

ARTICLE 5

Applicability of local/national laws

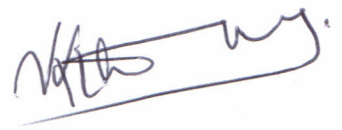
1. Citizens of either Party, being holders of diplomatic passports shall abide by the laws and regulations of the other Party while crossing its frontiers and throughout the duration of their stay in its territory.
2. Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as affecting the rights and obligations set out in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18th April, 1961 or the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24th April, 1963.

ARTICLE 6

Confidentiality

1. For the purposes of this MoU, each Party will transmit to the other, through diplomatic channels, specimen of its respective passports, including a detailed

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description of such documents in use at least thirty (30) days before the entry into force of this MoU.

2. Each party will 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 come into force.
3. All information furnished directly or indirectly by the Parties in connection with the MoU will be treated as confidential unless a party gives written consent waiving its claim to confidentiality in respect of any particular information. Notwithstanding the above, the Parties may furnish information to a third party to perform its obligation under the MoU.

ARTICLE 7
Suspension

Each 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 MoU, which will take effect immediately after notification has been given to the other Party through diplomatic channels. The suspension shall not affect the rights of citizens who have already entered the territory of the other Party.

ARTICLE 8
Notices

The following addresses will be used for the purposes of service of notices:

- For the Republic of Zambia, at the Zambian High Commission in New Delhi.
- For the Republic of India, at the Indian High Commission, in Lusaka.

ARTICLE 9
Duration, Termination and Renewal of the MoU

This MoU is subject to ratification. It shall enter into force thirty (30) days from the date of last notifications on completion of necessary internal legal procedures for its entry into force. The MoU shall be valid for an initial duration of Five (5) years from the date of its entry into force. The period of cooperation under this MoU will be automatically extended for another five (5) years unless either of the Parties notify to the other, in writing, of its

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intention to terminate this MoU, at least three (3) months before the desired date of termination, through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 10
Settlement of Disputes

Any difference or dispute arising out of the implementation of provisions of the MoU will be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Parties through diplomatic channels without reference to any third Party or an international tribunal.

ARTICLE 11
Revision and Amendments

Either Party may request in writing, through diplomatic channels, for a revision or amendment of the whole or part of this MoU. Any revision or amendment, which has been agreed to by the Parties, shall come into effect on a date to be mutually agreed upon and shall accordingly form part of this MoU.

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

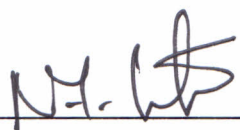
DONE AT Lusaka on this 11th day of April in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen in two (2) originals; in Hindi and English languages, both texts being equally authentic. In event of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

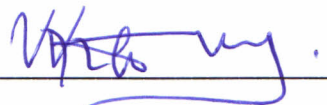
**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**

Name: **H.E. Mr. N.J. Gangte**

Name: **Hon. Mr. Stephen Kampyongo**

Signature: 

Signature: 

Designation: **High Commissioner of
India to Zambia**

Designation: **Minister of Home Affairs**