AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

ON VISA EXEMPTION FOR DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties";

DESIRING to further expand their bilateral cooperation;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Citizens of the Republic of India and the Kingdom of Cambodia holding valid diplomatic or official passports, shall be permitted to enter into or exit from the territory of the other Contracting Party through their respective international ports without visas.

Article 2

Citizens referred to in Article 1, shall be permitted to enter and stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days from the date of entry.

Article 3

1. Members of diplomatic missions or consular posts and permanent representatives to the United Nations, as well as their family members, shall be permitted to enter and stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days without necessity of obtaining a visa. Such period of stay shall, upon the request of either Contracting Party's Embassy, be extended until the end of their assignment.

2. The holders of diplomatic and 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 travel to the territory of other Contracting Party for official visits.

Article 4

- The exemption of visa requirements mentioned in Article 1 shall include the exemption of the requirement of an exit permit or transit visa.
- 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. 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 5

Each Contracting Party shall reserve the right to prevent the entry or shorten or terminate the duration of stay of nationals of the other Contracting Party if such nationals are considered unacceptable or persona non grata.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall proceed to an exchange of their respective valid passport specimens through diplomatic channels within thirty days after the signing of this Agreement. Any Contracting Party modifying its passports shall present a specimen of the new passport to the other party within thirty (30) days prior to its use.

Article 7

For the reasons of public order, security or health, either Contracting Party may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement in whole or in part. Such suspension shall be notified to the other Contracting Party thirty (30) days in advance through diplomatic channels.

Article 8

This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days following its signature. It shall remain in force unless either Contracting Party notify the other Contracting Party in writing through diplomatic channels of its intention to suspend or to terminate it. It shall cease to be effective 90 days after the date of notification.

Article 9

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent. Any difference or dispute arising out of the implementation this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Contracting Parties.

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

DONE at Phnom Penh, on this the <u>ninth</u> day of <u>April</u> of the year <u>two</u> thousand and two in Hindi, Khmer and English languages, all 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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For the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia

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