AGREEMENT

between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan on non-visa regime for mutual visits of nationals- holders of diplomatic and service/ official Passports

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, hereinafter referred to as Parties Desiring to further strengthen friendly relations and cooperation between both countries,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

- 1. The nationals of the country of one of the Parties holding valid diplomatic and service/official passports may enter, exit, transit and temporarily stay in the territory of the other Party without visas for a period of 30 (thirty) days from the date of entry. In exceptional case, on the written request from the diplomatic mission or consulate of the Party to which a national belongs, the other Party may issue the required visa.
- 2. The nationals of the country of one of the Parties during their stay in the territory of the other Party shall follow the existing Laws of that Party, including the rules of registration, stay and movement stipulated for foreign citizens and persons without citizenship.

Article 2

- 1. Members of diplomatic mission or consulate of either Party located in the territory of the other Party shall be granted a residence visa valid for the duration of his/her assignment at the written request of the diplomatic mission or Consulate concerned, provided that they are citizens of the Party and are holding diplomatic or service/official passports.
- 2. A citizen of one Party being the representative of his/her country in an international organization located in the territory of the other Party holding a diplomatic or official/service passport shall also enjoy the rights mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article.

3. The facilities enumerated in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall apply also to the spouse of a member of the diplomatic mission or Consulate and their children, provided they are holding diplomatic or official/service passport or their names are entered in their father's or mother's passport.

Article 3

- 1. Each of the Parties has the right to refuse the permission of entry to the national of the other Party or cancel the period of his stay in its territory without giving any reasons.
- 2. Each of the Parties has the right in exceptional cases in the interest of national security, public order and health to fully or partially suspend the present Agreement.
- 3. The Party shall inform through diplomatic channels the other Party at the earliest possible but not later than 24 hours about the enforcement of these measures and their termination accordingly.

Article 4

The Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Parties after signing of the present Agreement shall within thirty days, through diplomatic channels exchange the samples of already introduced diplomatic and service/official passports and also shall exchange the samples of new passports and inform each other about the order of their application not later than thirty days before the introduction of any new passports.

Article 5

- 1. The nationals of the Parties holding diplomatic and service/official passports, in case of loss or damage of their passports in the territory of the other Party must inform the concerned authorities of the country of stay, which may issue those persons document certifying the registration of lost passport.
- 2. The diplomatic or consular mission of the country of such persons' citizenship shall issue them duplicate passport or any other identity document.

Article 6

In case of any doubt or interpretational problem that may emerge in process of implementation of the present Agreement, the Parties shall resolve it by consultations through diplomatic channels.

Article 7

With mutual consent the Parties may amend or alter the present Agreement annexing Additional Protocol which shall be considered as an integral part of the present Agreement.

Article 8

The present Agreement shall come into force on the date of the last written information regarding completion by the Parties of the internal procedures if any, necessary for its enforcement. This agreement shall remain valid for indefinite period, unless annuled by any of the parties by notifying the other party in writing. The agreement will cease to have effect from the date of receipt of such notification by the other party.

Done at New Delhi this seventeent day of August ..., one thousand nine hundred and ninety nine, in duplicate, each in Hindi, English, Kazakh and Russian languages. All texts are equally authentic.

In case of any interpretational differences in the present Agreement the English text will prevail.

For the Government of the Republic of India

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