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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA ON EXEMPTION OF VISA FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS

The Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the Republic of India, hereinafter referred to singularly as "the Party" and collectively as "the Parties";

CONSIDERING the interest of both countries to strengthen their friendly relations;

DESIRING to facilitate the entry of the nationals of the United Mexican States and the nationals of the Republic of India who are holders of diplomatic or officials passports into their respective countries;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

- 1. A national of either of the Parties, holding valid diplomatic or official passport shall be permitted to enter into, stay in and transit through the territory of the other Party for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days without visa.
- 2. If a national of either of the Parties holding said passport wishes to stay in the territory of the other Party for a period exceeding ninety (90) days, he/she shall require a visa before entering the territory.

ARTICLE 2

1. A national of either of the Parties, who is assigned as a member of the diplomatic or consular staff in the territory of the other Party, and is in possession of a

valid diplomatic or official passport, shall not be required to obtain a visa in advanced to enter the territory of the other Party, but he/she must be accredited at the corresponding Ministry of Foreign Affairs within thirty (30) days of arrival. He/she shall subsequently be granted appropriate visa in accordance with national legislation of the host Party. This right shall also apply to the spouse, their children and dependent parents of a member of the Diplomatic Mission or Consulate, provided they hold a diplomatic or official passport and form part of the household.

2. A national of either of the Parties holding a diplomatic or official passport who is employed by an international organization located in the territory of the State of the other Party shall also enjoy the rights mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article in accordance with the headquarters agreement between the State Party and the international organization concerned.

ARTICLE 3

- 1. Each Party reserves the right to refuse entry into, or shorten the stay in its territory, of any national of the other Party whom it may consider undesirable (non grata).
- 2. If a national of either of the Parties loses his/her passport in the territory of the State of the other Party, he/she shall inform the concerned authorities of the host country for appropriate action. The Diplomatic Mission or Consulate concerned shall issue a new passport or travel document to its national and inform the authorities of the host Government.

ARTICLE 4

Nationals of either of the Parties, being holders of diplomatic or official passports shall abide by the laws and regulations of the other Party while crossing its frontier and throughout the duration of their stay in its territory.

ARTICLE 5

For the purposes of this Agreement, the Parties shall exchange through diplomatic channels, detailed specimens of their respective diplomatic and official passport within thirty (30) days before the entry into force of this Agreement. In case of any modification in the aforementioned passports, the Parties shall notify and provide each other the corresponding specimens, at least thirty (30) days before their introduction.

ARTICLE 6

Either of the Parties 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 Agreement. The suspension and its termination will be immediately communicated through diplomatic channels to the other Party, stating the date on which suspension or termination shall enter into effect.

ARTICLE 7

The present Agreement may be amended by mutual consent by the Parties, in writing, formalised through written communication in which the effective date of the amendment must be clearly specified.

ARTICLE 8

Any difference or dispute arising from the interpretation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by consultation and negotiation between the Parties.

ARTICLE 9

This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the day of exchange of diplomatic notes confirming that all legal procedures of each Party necessary for its entry into force have been completed.

This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period, and may be terminated by either Party by a written diplomatic notification through diplomatic channels, which shall enter into force sixty (60) days after the date of notification.

Done at the city of New Delhi, on this twentieth one day of October in the year of two thousand and five, in two (2) originals each in Spanish, Hindi and English, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES

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