

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TOGOLESE REPUBLIC
ON
RECIPROCAL VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF
DIPLOMATIC, OFFICIAL OR SERVICE PASSPORTS

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Togolese Republic, hereinafter referred to singularly as the "Contracting Party" and collectively as the "Parties",

Desiring to further strengthen and deepen the relations of friendship and cooperation between the Republic of India and the Republic of Togo in order to facilitate the movement of citizens of the two countries holding diplomatic, official or service passports;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Visa Exemption

1. Any citizen of one of the Parties holding a valid diplomatic, official or service passport may, without visas, enter, leave, transit and stay temporarily in the territory of the other Contracting Party through the points of international entry/exit without visas.
2. Any citizen of either Contracting Party holding such diplomatic, official or service passport shall be entitled to stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for a maximum period of 90 days in any 180 day period without visas.

ARTICLE 2

Visas for members of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives of international organizations

1. Any citizen of either Party serving as diplomatic or consular staff members in missions/posts or as representatives of their country in an international organization located in the territory of the other Contracting Party and holding a valid diplomatic, official or service passport, is required to obtain a visa before entering into the territory of the other Contracting Party.
2. Holders of diplomatic, official or service passports of either Party who are employed by an international organization, body, agency or any other entity are required to obtain a visa prior to entry in the territory of the other Contracting Party for official or private visits.
3. The conditions listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall also apply to the spouse of a member of the diplomatic mission or consular post or representative in an international organization, their dependent children and parents.

ARTICLE 3

Refusal of Entry and Loss of Passport

1. This Agreement does not limit the right of either Party to refuse entry into its territory to persons deemed undesirable or to reduce the duration or terminate the

residence permit of citizens of either Party holding a valid passport, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in their respective territories.

2. If a citizen of one of the Parties loses his or her passport in the territory of the other Contracting Party, he or she shall inform the relevant authorities of the host country so that they may take the appropriate measures to that effect. The diplomatic mission or consular post concerned shall issue a new passport or travel document to its citizen and inform the competent authorities of the host country.

ARTICLE 4

Applicability of Local or National Laws

1. Citizens of one of the Parties holding diplomatic, official or service passports, shall comply with the laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party when crossing its borders and throughout their stay in its territory.

2. *Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as affecting the rights and obligations set forth in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961 or the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963.*

ARTICLE 5

Validity of Passports

The Diplomatic, official or service passports of citizens of either Party must be valid for at least 6 (six) months from the date of entry into the territory of the country of the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 6

Travel Documents

1. For the purposes of implementing this Agreement, the competent authorities of the Parties shall exchange through diplomatic channels specimens of their valid passports, including a detailed description of these documents, within thirty (30) days from the date of signature of this Agreement.

2. In the event that one of the Parties modifies or issues new passports, the authorities concerned must inform those of the other Contracting Party and provide them with specimens of the new passports, including a detailed description of these documents, thirty (30) days before they are introduced.

ARTICLE 7

Suspension

1. Each Contracting Party reserves the right, for reasons of security, public order or public health, to temporarily suspend, in whole or in part, the execution of this Agreement.
2. This decision shall take effect after it has been notified to the other Contracting Party through the diplomatic channels.
3. The suspension shall not affect the rights of citizens who have already entered the territory of the other Party.

ARTICLE 8

Revision and Amendments

Each Party may request, in writing, through diplomatic channels, amendment of all or part of this Agreement. Any amendment agreed to by the Parties will enter into force on the mutually agreed date and will therefore form an integral part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9

Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute or conflict resulting from the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations between the Parties without referral to a third party or an international court.

ARTICLE 10

Entry into Force, Duration and Termination

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30th) day following the date of the last notification by the Parties informing completion of internal procedures for its entry into force.
2. This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period and may be terminated by either Party by a written notification through diplomatic channels, the termination shall take effect on the 90 (ninety) days after the date of such notification.
3. The termination shall not affect the rights of citizens who have already entered the territory of the other Contracting Party.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

Done at Lomé on this 27th day of June in the year two thousand twenty four in three (3) originals; in Hindi, French and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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