AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA ON EXEMPTION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL/SERVICE PASSPORTS

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Have agreed as follows:

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- 1. Citizens of the Republic of India who are holders of a valid diplomatic or official passports shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter, leave, transit through or stay in the territory of the Republic of Croatia for the maximum period of thirty (30) days.
- 2. Citizens of the Republic of Croatia who are holders of a valid diplomatic or service passport shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter, leave, transit through or stay in the territory of the Republic of India for the maximum period of thirty (30) days.

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1. A citizen of either Contracting Party, who is assigned as a member of the diplomatic mission or consular post in the territory of the other Contracting Party and is in possession of a valid diplomatic or official/service passport shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter the territory of the other Contracting Party and his/her official stay shall be

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regulated in accordance with the internal legislation, on request from the diplomatic mission concerned, within thirty (30) days from arrival.

- 2. A citizen of either Contracting Party, holding a diplomatic or official/service passport, who is employed by an international organization located in the territory of the other Contracting Party, shall enjoy the rights mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article.
- 3. The rights mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article shall also apply to the spouse of a member of the diplomatic mission or Consular post or employee of an international organization and their children, provided they hold a diplomatic or official/service passport and form part of the household.

## **ARTICLE 3**

This Agreement shall not affect the obligation of citizens of either Contracting Party to abide by the laws and regulations currently in force in the territory of the other Contracting Party.

# **ARTICLE 4**

- 1. Each Contracting Party reserves the right to refuse the entry into, or shorten the stay in its territory, of any citizen of the other Contracting Party, whom it may consider undesirable.
- 2. If a citizen of one Contracting Party loses his/her diplomatic or official/service 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 consular post concerned will issue a new travel document to its citizen and inform the concerned authorities of the host country.

### **ARTICLE 5**

- 1. For the purposes of this Agreement, each Contracting Party shall transmit to the other, through diplomatic channels, specimens of its diplomatic and official/service passports, including a detailed description of such documents, currently used, at least thirty(30) days before the entry into force of this Agreement.
- Each Contracting Party shall also transmit to the other through diplomatic channel specimens of its new or modified diplomatic and official/service passports, including a detailed description of such documents at least thirty (30) days before it is brought into force.

# **ARTICLE 6**

Each Contracting 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 Agreement, which shall take effect immediately after notification has been received by the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels.

# ARTICLE 7

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

# ARTICLE 8

Any difference or dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled amicably

by consultation or negotiation between the Contracting Parties without reference to any third party or an international tribunal.

### ARTICLE 9

- 1. This Agreement has been concluded for an indefinite period.
- 2. Each of the Contracting Parties may at any time denounce this Agreement, which is subject to notification through diplomatic channels of the other Contracting Party. In such a case the Agreement shall cease to be in effect sixty (60) days after the other Contracting Party has received the notification thereof.
- 3. This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days from the day of the receipt of the last notification by which the Contracting Parties have informed each other in writing through diplomatic channels that all the requirements for entry into force of the Agreement stipulated by their respective national legislation have been met.

In witness whereof, the undersigned being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

Done at Zagret on this 19th day of Sept. 2007 in two originals, each in the Hindi, Croatian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the 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 Croatia