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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA ON EXEMPTION FROM VISA REQUIREMENT FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA hereafter referred to singularly as the "Contracting Party" and collectively as the "Contracting Parties"

CONSIDERING the interest of both countries to strengthen their friendly relations, and

DESIRING to facilitate the entry of the citizens of the Republic of India and the citizens of Republic of Macedonia

Who are holders of diplomatic passports into their respective countries,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

1. A citizen of a State of either Contracting Party, who is in possession of a valid diplomatic passport shall be permitted to enter into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party through their respective international points of entry/exit without visa.
2. A citizen of a State of either Contracting Party, holding the said passport shall be allowed to stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for the maximum period of ninety (90) days without visa.

ARTICLE 2

1. A citizen of a State of either Contracting Party, who is posted as a member of the Diplomatic mission or Consular post or is a representative of his/her country in an International Organization, trade and economic service within the diplomatic mission or cultural information centre located in the territory of the other Contracting Party and is in possession of a valid diplomatic passport, shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter the territory of the other Contracting Party, and shall be granted, on request from the Diplomatic mission or Consulate or from the International Organization concerned, within ninety days of the arrival of the diplomatic passport holder, a residence visa for period of his/her stay.

2. The facilities enumerated in paragraphs 1 of this Article shall also apply to the spouse of a member of the Diplomatic Mission or Consulate or representative in International Organization, their children and their dependent parents, provided they hold diplomatic passports.

ARTICLE 3

A citizen of a State of either Contracting Party, who is in possession of a valid diplomatic passport and has to attend a meeting or conference convened by an international organization or Government, in the territory of the other Contracting Party, shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter and stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 4

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, each Contracting Party shall transmit to the other, through diplomatic channels, specimens of its diplomatic passports, including a detailed description of such documents currently used, at least thirty(30) days before the entry into force of this Agreement.

2. If a citizen of a State of either 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 new passport or travel document to its citizen and inform the concerned authorities of the host Government.

ARTICLE 5

Citizens of a State of either Contracting Party, being holders of diplomatic passports shall abide by the laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party while crossing its frontier and throughout the duration of their stay in its territory.

ARTICLE 6

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.

ARTICLE 7

Each Contracting Party may, for reasons of security, public order or public health, suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this Agreement, which shall take effect immediately after notification has been given to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 8

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30th) day from the day of receipt of the second of the notifications whereby the Contracting Parties inform each other, via diplomatic channels, that the internal legal preconditions for entry into force of this agreement have been fulfilled.

2. Either contracting party may request in writing, through diplomatic channels, a revision or amendment of the whole 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.

3. Any dispute arising from the interpretation and application of this Agreement shall be resolved by means of consultations or negotiation between the Contracting Parties via diplomatic channels and without reference to any third party or an international tribunal.

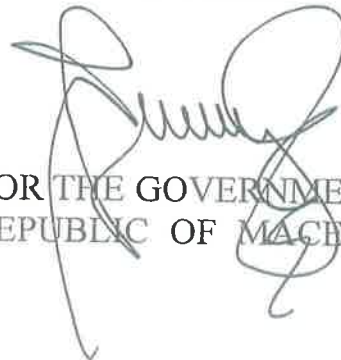
4. This agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period and may be terminated at any time by either Contracting Party in a written form via diplomatic channels. In such a case, this agreement shall cease to apply on the ninetieth (90th) day of the day of receipt of the written notification about the termination.

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

DONE in New Delhi on twentieth day of January in the year two thousand nine, in two(2) originals; in Hindi, Macedonian 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



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