

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

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter 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 the Republic of Lithuania, who are holders of diplomatic passports into their respective countries,

have agreed as follows.

Article 1

1. A citizen 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 visas.

2. A citizen 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 within six (6) months (irrespective of the number of entries) since the day of arrival in the territory of host State without a visa. For the citizens of Republic of India, the period of ninety (90) days mentioned above shall begin from the date of first entry in Schengen Area.

Article 2

A citizen of either Contracting Party, who is assigned as a member of the diplomatic or consular staff or as representative of his/her country in an international organization located in the territory of the other Contracting Party and is in possession of a valid diplomatic passport, as well as his/her family members, shall be required to obtain a visa prior to entry into the territory of the other Contracting Party.

Article 3

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 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 4

Citizens 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 5

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

2. Each Contracting Party shall also transmit to the other through diplomatic channels, specimen of its new or modified passports, including a detailed description of such documents, at least thirty (30) days before they are brought into force.

Article 6

1. 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 given to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels.

2. The suspension of the implementation of this Agreement shall not affect the rights of citizens, mentioned in Article 1 of this Agreement, who already stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party.

Article 7

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 force in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 9 of this Agreement and shall accordingly form part of this Agreement.

Any difference or dispute arising out of the implementation of the provisions of the Agreement shall be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Contracting Parties.

Article 9

This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30) day from the date of receipt through diplomatic channels of the last written notification, by which the Contracting Parties have formally communicated each other that their respective internal procedures 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 Contracting Party by notification through diplomatic channels, which shall enter into force ninety (90) days after the date of such notification.

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

Done at New Delhi on this 10th day of November in the year two thousand 13 in three (3) originals; in Hindi, Lithuanian 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**



H. E. Shri Salman Khurshid

Minister of External Affairs

**For the Government of
the Republic of Lithuania**



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