OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA ON SHORT-STAY VISA WAIVER FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter the "Contracting Parties")

Desiring to safeguard the principle of reciprocity and facilitate travel by ensuring visa free entry and short stay for the citizens of Contracting Parties who are holders of valid diplomatic passports;

Respecting their internal regulations and procedures;

With a view to further developing friendly relations and continuing to strengthen close ties between the contracting Parties;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1 Purpose and scope

In accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, citizens of the Contracting Parties, holders of a valid diplomatic passport, shall be allowed to enter into, transit through and stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party without a visa for a (a) three months in the territory of Republic of India and (b) 90 days in any 180-day period in the territory of Republic of Slovenia.

ARTICLE 2 Definitions

For the purpose of this Agreement:

Diplomatic passport shall refer to the diplomatic passport of the Republic of India and to the diplomatic passport of the Republic of Slovenia.

ARTICLE 3

Conditions of visa waiver and stay

1. The visa waiver provided by this Agreement shall apply without prejudice to the laws of the Contracting Parties on the conditions of entry and short stay. The Contracting Parties reserve the right to refuse entry into and short stay in their respective territories if one or more of these conditions are not met.

- 2. During their stay, the citizens of the Republic of Slovenia benefiting from this Agreement shall abide by the laws and regulations in force in the territory of the Republic of India.
- 3. During their stay, the nationals of the Republic of India benefiting from this Agreement shall abide by the laws and regulations in force in the territory of the Republic of Slovenia.

ARTICLE 4 Duration of stay

- 1. The citizens of the Republic of India holding a valid diplomatic passport may stay in the territory of the Republic of Slovenia for a period not exceeding 90 days in any 180-day period.
- 2. The citizens of the Republic of Slovenia holding a valid diplomatic passport may stay in the territory of the Republic of India for a period not exceeding three months.
- 3. This Agreement shall not affect the possibility for the Contracting Parties to extend the period of stay beyond three months in accordance with their respective national law.

ARTICLE 5 Exchange of specimens of passports

- The Contracting Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their valid diplomatic passports no later than 30 days following the date of signing of this agreement.
- 2. In case of introduction of new diplomatic passports or modification of the existing ones, the Contracting Parties shall convey to each other, through diplomatic channels, specimens of new or modified passports, including the details of their security features and applicability, no later than 30 days prior to its application.

Final provisions

- 1. The Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date of receipt of the last written notification, by which the Contracting Parties notify each other that their internal legal procedures for its entry into force have been completed.
- 2. The Agreement shall be concluded for an indefinite period of time. Either Contracting Party may terminate it by giving written notice to the other. The Agreement shall cease to apply ninety days following the receipt of such notification.
- 3. The Agreement may be amended by written agreement of the Contracting Parties. The amendments shall take effect in compliance with paragraph 1 hereof.
- 4. Either Contracting Party may suspend the Agreement in whole or in part. The decision on the suspension shall be notified to the other Contracting Party no later than two months in advance. The Contracting Party that has suspended the application of this Agreement shall immediately notify the other Contracting Party once the reasons for suspension no longer exist. The suspension of this Agreement shall cease to apply on the date of receipt of such notification by the other Contracting Party.
- 5. Any differences or dispute arising out of the implementation of provisions of the Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultations or negotiation between the Contracting Parties without reference to any third party or an international tribunal.

DONE at New Delhi on November 11,2013 in two originals in Hindi, Slovenian and English languages, each of these texts being equally authentic. In case of differences in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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