

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
INDIA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
TURKEY
CONCERNING THE MUTUAL ABOLITION OF VISAS
FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Turkey (hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties")

Desiring to further promote the development of friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries;

And wishing to facilitate official travels of their nationals;

Have agreed as follows:

Article-1

1. Nationals of either Contracting Party holding valid diplomatic passports may travel to and stay for a period not exceeding 90 days in the territory of other Contracting Party without a visa.

Article-2

1. Members of the diplomatic Mission or Consulate of either Party located in the territory of the other Party shall be granted residence permits/visas valid for the duration of his/her assignment at the written request of the diplomatic Mission or Consulate concerned, provided that they are citizens of that Party and are holding diplomatic passports.

2. A national of one Party being the representative of his/her country in an international organization located in the territory of the other Party holding the said passport shall also enjoy the rights mentioned in paragraph-1 of this Article.

3. The facilities enumerated in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall also apply to the spouse of a member of the diplomatic Mission or Consulate and their children, provided they are holding a similar category of passport or the children's names are entered in their father's or mother's passport.

Article-3

Excluding the provisions of Article-2, visa exemption does not grant the right to work to the nationals of the Contracting Parties. Nationals of one Contracting Party who travel to the territory of the other Contracting Party (i) for gainful purposes such as employment or to practice a profession, or (ii) to study or (iii) to stay for a period of more than 90 days on any grounds are obliged to get visas suitable for their purpose, beforehand.

Article-4

1. The Contracting Parties shall exchange specimens of their valid passports through the diplomatic channels.

2. If either Contracting Party modifies its passports, it shall provide the specimens of its new passports to the other Contracting Party 60 days before they are introduced.

Article-5

Nationals of either Contracting Party shall enter the territory of the other Contracting Party only at ports of entry designated for international passenger traffic.

Article-6

The Agreement does not exempt the nationals of either Contracting Party holding valid diplomatic passports from the obligation to observe the governing laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party.

Article-7

1. Contracting Parties reserve the right to deny entry to or prevent the further sojourn in their territories of the nationals of the other Contracting Party whom they consider undesirable.
2. Either Contracting Party may temporarily suspend the application of the Agreement as a whole or in part for reasons of national security and public order. Such suspension of the Agreement shall be notified immediately to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels.

Article-8

Any amendment to this Agreement agreed upon by the Contracting Parties shall be invoked by exchange of Notes.

Article-9

1. This Agreement shall enter into force 30 days after the date of exchange of notification of approval by the Parties
2. This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period and excluding the provisions of the Article-7, shall remain in force until the 60th day after the date on which one of the Contracting Parties notifies in writing the other Contracting Party of its intention to terminate it, through diplomatic channels.

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

Done in duplicate at New Delhi on February 08, 2008, in Hindi, Turkish and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of doubt, the English text shall prevail.



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