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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA ON VISA-FREE TRAVEL OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

The Government of the Republic of Belarus and the Government of the Republic of India hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties",

DESIROUS to further develop and strengthen the friendly relations on the basis of equality and mutual benefit,

HAVE Agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

1. Citizens of the Republic of Belarus, with valid diplomatic and official passports of the Republic of Belarus and the citizens of the Republic of India with diplomatic and official passports, as well as minor children, included in these passports, may enter, exit or transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party without visa.

2. The photographs of the above mentioned children in the age group of 7 to 16 must be pasted in the passports of their parents, if so provided under the regulations of any of the contracting parties.

ARTICLE 2

Citizens of one Contracting Party, covered by Article 1 of the present agreement, have to enter, exit or transit through the border posts of the other Contracting Party, open for international passenger traffic, and are obliged to complete necessary formalities in accordance with the rules and regulations, formulated and enforced by the competent organisations of the other Contracting Party.

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ARTICLE 3

Citizens of one Contracting Party during their stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party must follow the laws and rules of the Contracting Parties and also go through the formalities of registration in accordance with the rules prescribed by the competent organisations of the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 4

The present agreement does not restrict the right of both the Contracting Parties to refuse entry or curtail the duration of stay on its territory of "persona non grata" and non-acceptable persons of the other Contracting Party without showing any cause.

ARTICLE 5

The Contracting Parties can provisionally stop complete or partial enforcement of the present agreement on the grounds of law and order, state security or public health. However, till the adoption or revocation of the above mentioned steps, each of the Contracting Parties is obliged to inform the other Contracting Party about these steps well in advance through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 6

1. Before the present agreement comes into force, the Contracting Parties must carry out timely exchange of specimens of passports, envisaged in article 1 of the present agreement through diplomatic channels.

2. When one of the Contracting Parties changes the above mentioned specimens of the passports, it must inform the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels about it, at least 30 days before the introduction of such new specimens of passports.

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ARTICLE 7

Till the issue of diplomatic and official passports of the Republic of Belarus, the citizens of the Republic of Belarus may use the diplomatic and official passports of the former U.S.S.R. instead of passports of the Republic of Belarus as mentioned in Article 1 of the present agreement. These passports, however, must carry a note indicating that the bearer is indeed a citizen of Belarus.

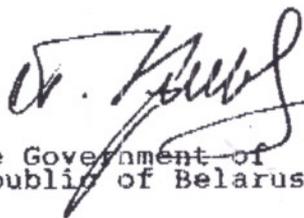
ARTICLE 8

The present agreement may be modified or amended by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties and enter into force through exchange of notes.

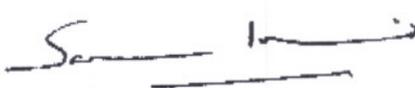
ARTICLE 9

The present agreement shall enter into force from the date of its signing and shall remain valid unless either of the Contracting Parties gives to the other a written notice ninety days in advance of its intention to terminate this agreement from the date of its expiry.

Signing at New Delhi on this 14th day of May 1993 in two originals each in Belarusian, Hindi and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic.



For the Government of
the Republic of Belarus



For the Government of
the Republic of India