

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

(“hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties”)

ON

EXEMPTION FROM VISA REQUIREMENT FOR HOLDERS OF

DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS

PREAMBLE

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA.

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 Namibia

Who are holders of diplomatic or official passports into their respective countries,

NOW THEREFORE the Contracting Parties have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

1.1. A citizen of either Contracting Party, who is in possession of a valid diplomatic or official 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.

1.2. 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 without a visa.

ARTICLE 2

2.1. A citizen of either Contracting Party, who is assigned as a member of the diplomatic or consular staff in the territory of the other Contracting Party and is in possession of a valid diplomatic or official 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/consular post concerned, within ninety days of the

arrival of the diplomatic/official/service passport holder, a residence visa for the period of his/her official stay.

2.2. A citizen of one Contracting Party being the representative of his/her country in an international organization located in the territory of other Contracting Party holding the said passport shall also enjoy the rights mentioned in sub-article 2.1 of this Article.

2.3. The facilities enumerated in sub article 2.1 and 2.2 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 a similar category of passport or the children's names are entered in their father's or mother's passport.

ARTICLE 3

3.1 A citizen of either Contracting Party, who is in possession of a valid diplomatic or official/service 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.

3.2. The holders of diplomatic and official passports of either Contracting Party who are employed by an international organization, body, agency or any other such entity, would be required to obtain visa prior to their entry into the territory of the other Contracting Party for official or private visits.

ARTICLE 4

4.1. 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.

4.2. 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 5

Citizens of either Contracting Party, being holders of diplomatic or official/service 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

6.1. For the purposes of this Memorandum of Understanding, 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.

6.2 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 7

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 Memorandum of understanding, which shall take effect immediately after notification has been given to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 8

Either Contracting Party may request in writing, through diplomatic channels, a revision or amendment of the whole or part of this Memorandum of Understanding. Any revision or amendment, which has been agreed to by the Contracting Parties, and reduced to writing shall come into effect on a date to be mutually agreed upon and shall accordingly form part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9

Any difference or dispute arising out of the implementation of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Contracting Parties without reference to any third party or an international tribunal.

ARTICLE 10

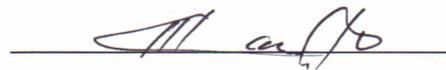
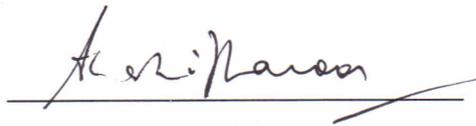
This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on a date to be mutually agreed upon by the Contracting Parties, which shall be notified through the exchange of Diplomatic Notes. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for an indefinite period and may be terminated by either Contracting 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 31st day of August in the year two thousand nine in two (2) originals; in Hindi 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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