

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
OF REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA ON EXEMPTION OF VISA
REQUIREMENT FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND
OFFICIAL/ SERVICE PASSPORTS.**

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND
THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF REPUBLIC OF
ALBANIA

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 the Republic of Albania
who are holders of diplomatic or official/service 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 or official/service passport shall be permitted to enter into, exit from and transit 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 without a visa.



ARTICLE 2

"Citizens of one Party who have valid diplomatic or official/service passports and are assigned to a diplomatic mission or consular post or to an international organization located in the territory of the other Party, as well as dependent members of their family, are required to obtain visa prior to their entry into the territory of the other 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 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 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

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.

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 effect on a date to be mutually agreed upon and shall accordingly form part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8

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 without reference to any third party or an international tribunal.



ARTICLE 9

This Agreement 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 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 Tirana on this 27th day of November in the year two thousand fifteen in two (2) originals; in Hindi, Albanian 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
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