

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

ON

EXEMPTION FROM VISA REQUIREMENTS

FOR

HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL

PASSPORTS

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Preamble

The Government of the Republic of Uganda and the Government of the Republic of India (hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties" in the plural and "Party" in the singular);

RECOGNISING the existing friendly ties between the two countries;

DESIRING to simplify procedures and facilitate the travel of their citizens between both countries;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS

ARTICLE 1

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be-

- a) in the case of the Government of the Republic of Uganda, the Ministry of Internal Affairs; and
- b) in the case of the Government of the Republic of India the Ministry of External Affairs.

ARTICLE 2

WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS

- (1). The Citizens of both countries who are holders of valid Diplomatic and Official Passports are exempt from entry, transit or visitor's visa for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of first entry.
- (2). The extension of the visa may be granted only by the relevant authorities of the Parties to the Diplomatic Mission or Consular representation.



(3). Citizens of the country of one Party who are holders of valid Diplomatic and Official Passports in that country may enter, sojourn and exit the country of the other Party, for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days from the date of entry, without having to obtain a visa.

ARTICLE 3

VISAS FOR ASSIGNMENTS

A Citizen of either Contracting Party, who is assigned as a member of the diplomatic or consular staff in Missions/Posts or as representative of his/her country in an international organization located in the territory of the other Contracting Party and is in possession of a valid official passport, shall be required to obtain a visa prior to entry into the territory of the other Contracting Party.

2. The holders of 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.

3. The conditions enumerated in paragraph 1 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 relatives.

ARTICLE 4

MOVEMENT CONTROL

The entry into or exit from the country of other Party by citizens of the either Party or both Parties who are in possession of valid Diplomatic and Official Passports shall take place through the legally established and recognized points of entry and exit of the respective Parties.

ARTICLE 5

COMPLIANCE WITH DOMESTIC LAWS

This Agreement shall not exempt the citizens of either country who are holders of valid Diplomatic and Official Passports, including members of the immediate families accompanying them, from complying with the domestic laws in force in the respective territory of the Parties.

2. Nothing in the Agreement shall be construed as affecting the rights and obligations set out in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April, 1961 or the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April, 1963.

ARTICLE 6

REFUSAL OF ENTRY AND LOSS OF PASSPORT

The Parties reserve the right to refuse the entry into its territory of any of those exempted from visa requirements under the provision of this Agreement, 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 7

NOTIFICATION OF VALID DOCUMENTS

The Competent Authorities of the Parties shall exchange, through the diplomatic channel, samples of Passports and all information related to their use within thirty (30) days from the date of signing of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8

SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period. However, each Party has the right to completely or partially suspend this Agreement. Such suspension, together with the reasons thereof, shall be conveyed to the other Party in writing through the diplomatic channel and shall take effect immediately after such written notification of the suspension. The suspending Party shall communicate the termination of the suspension as soon as possible by way of written notice to the other Party through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 9

AMENDMENT

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 10

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any Dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation and negotiation between the parties.

ARTICLE 11

ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Agreement shall enter into force, subject to the constitutional requirements of both Parties, upon the date of signature.

ARTICLE 12

TERMINATION

This Agreement may be terminated by either Party by giving at least ninety (90) days written notice in advance to the other Party, through the diplomatic channel, of its intention to terminate it.

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

DONE at Kampala on this 24th day of July in the Year Two Thousand eighteen in two (2) originals; in the English and Hindi languages, all texts being equally authentic. However, in the event of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
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