AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

ON

EXEMPTION OF VISA REQUIREMENT FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS.

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

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 citizen of the Republic of India and the citizens of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

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

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

- 1. A citizen of either Contracting party, who is the bearer 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.
- 2. A citizen of either Contracting Party, who carries the passport mentioned in sub-paragraph 1 of this Article, will be allowed to stay in the territory of the other Contacting party for the maximum period of ninety (90) days in any period of 180 days ,without a visa.

ARTICLE 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 be required to obtain a visa prior to entry into the territory of the other Contracting Party.

2. The conditions enumerated in paragraphs 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 parents.

ARTICLE 3

- 1. A citizen of either Contracting party, who is in possession of a valid diplomatic or official passports 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 required to obtain a visa to enter and stay in the territory of the other Contracting party for the period mentioned in sub paragraph 2 of Article 1 of this Agreement.
- 2. The holders of diplomatic and official passports of either Contracting party who are employed by an international organization, body, agency or any other entity, would be required to obtain a visa prior to their entry into the territory of the other Contracting Party for official or private visits.

ARTICLE 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.
- 2. If a citizen of one contracting party loses his 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 for citizen and inform the authorities concerned of the host Government.

ARTICLE 5

- 1. Citizen of either Contracting Party, being holders of diplomatic or official passports shall respect 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.
- 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

- 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, specimens/samples of its new or modified passports, including a detailed description of such documents, at least thirty (30) days before they are bought into force.

ARTICLE 7

Each Contracting Party reserves the right for reasons of security, public order or public health, to suspend temporarily either whole or in part, the implementation of this Agreement, which shall take effect immediately after the 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 or part of this Agreement. Any revision or amendment which has been agreed to by the Contracting Parties, shall enter into effect on the 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 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 10

The Agreement shall enter into force on the date 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 (90) days after the date of such notification.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the present agreement.

Done at New Delhi on Tenth (10^{th}) day of September in the year two thousand nineteen (2019) in year two (2) originals; in Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

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