

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN
ON EXEMPTION FROM VISA REQUIREMENT FOR HOLDERS OF
DIPLOMATIC, OFFICIAL AND SERVICE PASSPORTS**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 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 Azerbaijan, who are holders of diplomatic, official or service passports into their respective countries,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

**ARTICLE 1
Visa exemption**

1. A citizen of the State of either Contracting Party, who is in possession of a valid diplomatic, official or service passport, shall be permitted to enter into, exit from and transit through the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party through their respective international points of entry/exit without a visa.
2. A citizen of the State of either Contracting Party, holding a valid diplomatic, official or service passport, shall be allowed to stay in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party for a period not exceeding 90 days per period of 180 days without a visa.

**ARTICLE 2
Visas for assignments**

1. A citizen of the State 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, body, agency or any such entity, located in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party and is in possession of a valid diplomatic, official or service passport,

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

2. The conditions enumerated in paragraph 1 of this Article shall also apply to the spouse and children of a member of the diplomatic Mission or Consulate or representative in an international organization, body, agency or any such entity who hold valid diplomatic, official and service passport.

ARTICLE 3

Refusal of entry & loss, expiration and damage of passport

1. Each Contracting Party reserves the right to refuse the entry into, or shorten the stay in the territory of its State, of any citizen of the State of the other Contracting Party, whom it may consider undesirable.
2. If a citizen of the State of one Contracting Party loses his/her passport in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party or in case of expiration or damage of the passport, 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 any other travel document to its citizen and inform the concerned authorities of the host Government.

ARTICLE 4

Applicability of national legislations

1. Citizens of the State of either Contracting Party, being holders of diplomatic, official or service passports shall abide by the national legislation of the other Contracting Party while crossing its State frontier and throughout the duration of their stay in its State 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 5

Passport validity

The duration of diplomatic, official and service passports of citizens of the State of either Contracting Party shall be valid for at least 6 (six) months on the date of entry into the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 6
Specimens of passports

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 fifteen (15) 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 7
Suspension

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. The suspension shall not affect the rights of citizens who have already entered the territory of the State of other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 8
Additions and amendments

Any additions and amendments may be made to this Agreement by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties. Such additions and amendments shall be made in a form of separate Protocols being an integral part of this Agreement and shall enter into force in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9
Dispute settlement

Any disagreement or dispute arising out of the implementation of the provisions of the Agreement shall be settled amicably by consultations or negotiations between the Contracting Parties without reference to any third party or an international tribunal.

ARTICLE 10
Entry into force, duration and termination

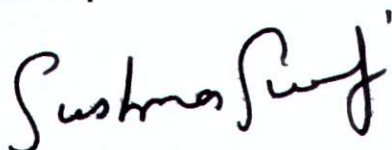
This Agreement shall enter into force on the 30th day following the date of receipt by the Contracting Parties of the last written notification through diplomatic channels confirming the completion of their respective internal procedures required for the entry into force of this Agreement.

This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period and may be terminated by either Contracting Party by a written notification sent through diplomatic channels to the other Contracting Party. The termination shall take effect ninety (90) days after the date of receipt of such notification by the other Contracting Party. The termination shall not affect the rights of citizens who have already entered the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party.

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

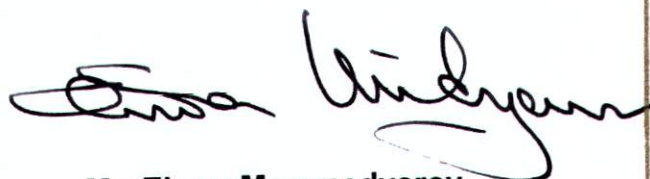
DONE at **Baku** on the **4th** day of **April 2018** in two (2) originals, in Hindi, Azerbaijani and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Government of
The Republic of India**



Mrs. Sushma Swaraj
External Affairs Minister

**For the Government of
The Republic of Azerbaijan**



Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov
Minister of Foreign Affairs