

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
INDIA**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
MADAGASCAR**

**ON THE EXEMPTION OF VISA FOR THE  
HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS AND  
SERVICE/OFFICIAL PASSPORTS**



The Government of the Republic of Madagascar And the Government of the Republic of India,

Hereinafter referred to as "Parties".

Desiring to strengthen relations between the two States and to facilitate the movement of nationals of the two States holding diplomatic and official passports into each other's territory.

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

**ARTICLE 1:**

Nationals of both Parties holding diplomatic or service/official passports valid for more than six (6) months from the date of entry are authorized to enter, transit and stay in the territories of both Parties and will be exempted from any prior formality of visa for stays not exceeding ninety (90) days in any period of 180 days from the date of first entry.

**ARTICLE 2 :**

Nationals of both Parties holding valid diplomatic and service/official passports may enter, transit and exit through all border crossing points open to international traffic.

**ARTICLE 3 :**

Nationals of both Parties holding a valid diplomatic and service/official passport must, during their stay in the territory of one or the other Party, comply with the laws and regulations in force of the latter.

**ARTICLE 4 :**

Nationals of both Parties holding valid diplomatic and service/official passport, exempted from any prior formality of visa, are not entitled to practice in the territory of one or more the other Party a professional or commercial activity not falling within the scope of his/her initial mission for personal gain.

**ARTICLE 5:**

1. A national 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 diplomatic or official/service

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

2. The holders of diplomatic and official/service 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 parents.

#### **ARTICLE 6 :**

The provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the right of both Parties to deny the entry, transit or shorten the stay on its territory of any person whom it considers to be a undesirable.

#### **ARTICLE 7 :**

The two Parties shall exchange specimens of the diplomatic and service/official passports in force 30 (thirty) days before the entry into force of this Agreement . They shall inform each other of any change in these documents and shall send specimens of the new travel documents through the diplomatic channel, not later than sixty (60) days before the date of their release.

#### **ARTICLE 8 :**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30th) day after the issuing of last notification by the Parties confirming completion of internal legal procedures for the entry into force of this Agreement.

This agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and shall be renewed automatically for further successive period of five (5) years at a time. Either party may terminate the Agreement by a written notification through diplomatic channel, which shall enter into force ninety (90) days after the date of such notification. Both Parties may suspend the application of this Agreement for reasons of public policy, national security or public health, upon prior notification through diplomatic channel.

This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of both Parties.

Nothing in the Agreement shall be construed as affecting the rights and obligations set in any international law or convention.

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Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through diplomatic channel.

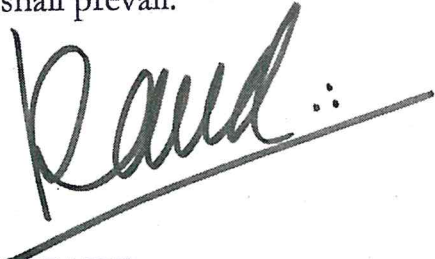
In witness whereof the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Made in Antananarivo on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022, in two (02) originals in English, Hindi and French languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English version shall prevail.



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