AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY ON VISA EXEMPTION FOR OFFICIAL AND DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT HOLDERS

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay (hereinafter referred to as the Parties)

Recognising the friendly ties existing between the two countries; Desirous of strengthening further and to consolidate their traditional friendly relations;

Desirous further of facilitating travel between the two countries; Have agreed as follows:

Article I

- 1. A citizen of one Party holding a valid diplomatic or official passport shall be exempt from entry visa, transit visa and/or exit visa where applicable, while entering, transiting and exiting from the territory of the other Party.
- 2. A citizen of one Party holding the said passport shall be allowed to stay in the other Party's territory for 30 days maximum. On the written request from the diplomatic mission or consulate of the Party to which the citizen belongs, the other Party may give an extension beyond the said period.

Article II

1. Members of the diplomatic mission or consulate of either Party located in the territory of the other Party shall be granted a residence visa valid for the duration of his/her assignment at the written request of the diplomatic mission or consulate concerned, provided that they are citizens of that Party and are holding diplomatic or official passports.

- 2. A citizen of one Party being the representative of his/her country in an international organisation located in the territory of the other Party holding the said passport shall also enjoy the rights mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article.
- 3. The facilities enumerated in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall apply also to the spouse of a member of the diplomatic mission or consulate and their children, provided they are holding a similar category of passport or the children's names are entered in their father's or mother's passport.

Article III

- 1. This Agreement does not exempt the holder of the said passport from the obligation of respecting all regulations under existing laws of the host country.
- 2. Either Party has the right to refuse entry or to cut short the duration of stay of any citizen from the other Party.

Article IV

If a citizen of one Party loses his/her passport in the territory of the other Party, he/she shall inform the authorities concerned of the host country for appropriate action. The diplomatic mission or consulate concerned will issue a fresh passport or travel document to its citizen and inform the concerned authorities of the host government.

Article V

For the sake of national security or public health, either Party may temporarily suspend a part of or the whole Agreement. The Party which decides to temporarily suspend or denounce a part of/or the whole Agreement shall immediately inform the other pary of such a decision through diplomatic channels.

Article VI

After the signing of this Agreement, the two Parties shall exchange through diplomatic channels the sample of the passport being used by each Party, within 30 days of the signing of Agreement, and /or the sample of any new passport, at least 30 days before it is introduced.

Article VII

- 1. Necessary approvals etc. for concluding the Agreement should be obtained before signing the Agreements.
- 2. The Agreement should enter into force 30 days after the date of exchange of notification of approval by the two Parties.
- 3 This Agreement shall be valid for an indefinite period unless either Party gives to the other three months notice in writing of its intention to terminate the Agreement.
- 4. This Agreement may be modified or amended by mutual consent of the two Partries.

Done at New Delhi on this 6th day of December of the year 1999 in two originals each in Hindi, Spanish and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of doubt, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the Republic of India

For the Government of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay