#### **AGREEMENT**

# BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA ON THE EXEMPTION OF VISA FOR DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA

Hereafter singularly called "the Party" and collectively "the Parties"

CONSIDERING the interest of both countries in establishing their friendly relations, and

WISHING to facilitate the entry of nationals of the Republic of India and nationals of the Plurinational State of Bolivia who are holders of Diplomatic or Official Passports in their respective countries.

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

#### ARTICLE I Visa exemption

1. A national of either Contracting Party, who holds a Diplomatic or Official Passport, is exempt from presenting the Visa, for entry into the territory of the other Party and stay in it, for a maximum period of 90 days in any period of 180 days.

#### ARTICLE II Visas for Designated

- A national of any of the Parties who is designated 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 Party, and who is in possession of a valid Diplomatic or Official Passport, shall obtain a visa before entering the territory of the other Party.
- The holders of Diplomatic and Official Passports of any of the Parties that are employed by an international organization or international agency, or any other entity of that type, will be required to obtain a visa before entering the territory of the other Party.
- 3. 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.

### ARTICLE III Denial of entry and loss of passports

- 1. Each Party reserves the right to prohibit the entry and cancel the stay within its territory, of any national of the other Party, without prior explanation.
- 2. If a national of a Party loses its passport in the territory of the other Party, it must

inform the competent authorities of the host country for the corresponding purposes. The concerned Diplomatic Mission or Consulate will issue a new passport or travel document to its citizen and inform the competent authorities of the host Government.

### ARTICLE IV Applicability of local / national laws

- 1. The nationals of any of the Parties, being holders of Diplomatic or Official Passports, must comply with the laws and regulations of the other Party, when crossing their border and during their stay in it.
- 2. Nothing in the Agreement shall be construed as affecting the rights and obligations set forth in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961, or the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of April 24, 1963.

## ARTICLE V Validity of passports

Diplomatic or Official Passports of nationals of either Party must be valid for at least six (6) months from the date of entry into the territory of the other Party.

#### ARTICLE VI Travel documents

- For the purposes of this Agreement, each Party shall transmit to the other, through diplomatic channels, copies of their respective passports, including a detailed description of the documents currently used at least thirty (30) days before the entry into force of this Agreement.
- 2. Each Party shall also transmit to the other, through diplomatic channels, copies of its new or modified passports, including a detailed description of said documents, at least thirty (30) days before its entry into force.

## ARTICLE VII Suspension

The Parties may temporarily suspend in whole or in part the application of this Agreement, for reasons of public order, public health or national security

The Parties shall notify through the diplomatic channels, seventy-two (72) hours before the beginning and end of the suspension and shall not affect persons who have entered the respective territories.

#### ARTICLE VIII Review and Modification

This Agreement may be revised or modified by mutual agreement between the Parties, provided that such modifications are not incompatible with the effective achievement of its object and purpose.

Any revision or modification, which has been agreed between Parties, will come into effect on a date that will be mutually agreed upon and will consequently be part of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE IX Dispute Resolution

Any dispute that may arise between the Parties regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement, shall be resolved through direct negotiation between Parties, always through diplomatic and friendly channels.

## ARTICLE X Entry into force

This Agreement will become effective ninety (90) calendar days from the date of signature.

#### ARTICLE XI Termination

The Parties may terminate this Agreement at any time by notifying the other Party in writing. The termination shall take effect ninety (90) calendar days after the notification has been received by the other Party.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective Government, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at **Santa Cruz de la Sierra**, **Bolivia** on the **29**<sup>th</sup> day of **March** of the year **2019** in three (3) originals in Hindi, Spanish and English, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA

MANDARAPU SUBBARAYUDU Ambassador of India DIEGO PARY RODRÍGUEZ Minister of Foreign Affairs