

**PROTOCOL¹ CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC
REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN ON VISIT
TO RELIGIOUS SHRINES**

Islamabad, 14 September 1974

The Government of INDIA

AND

The Government of PAKISTAN,

TAKING note of the sentiments and devotion of the various communities in the two countries for the historic and sacred shrines in the other

HAVE agreed on the following principles for facilitating visits to such shrines :

- (i) Such visits from one country to the other shall be allowed without discrimination as to religion or sect. The list of shrines to be visited will be finalised shortly through correspondence. The agreed list may be enlarged from time to time by mutual agreement.
- (ii) Upto 20 parties may be allowed to visit from one country to the other every year. This number may be revised from time to time.
- (iii) Every effort should continue to be made to ensure that places of religious worship mentioned in the agreed list are properly maintained and their sanctity preserved.
- (iv) Such visitors will be given Visitor Category visas.

Sd/-

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Islamabad, September 14, 1974

¹ Came into force on 14 September 1974.