AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN ON EXEMPTION FROM VISA REQUIREMENT FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

Hereinafter individually referred to as the "Contracting Party" and collectively referred to as the "Contracting Parties"

CONSIDERING the interests of both the 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 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Who are holders of diplomatic and official passports into each others countries,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

- 1. A citizen of either Contracting Party, who is in possession of a valid diplomatic or official passports shall be permitted to enter into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Contracting Party via their respective international points of entry/exit without visas.
- 2. A citizen of either Contracting Party, holding the said passport shall be allowed to stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party for the maximum period of ninety [90] days in any period of 180 days without a visa provided that such stay shall not be used for the purpose of engaging in employment, gainful or otherwise, study or other paid activities.

ARTICLE 2

- 1. A citizen of either Contracting Party, who is assigned as a member of the diplomatic or consular staff or as a 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 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 passports of either Contracting Party who are employed by an international organization, body, agency or other such entity, would be required to obtain a 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 minor children [upto the age of 21 years] and their dependent parents.

ARTICLE 3

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

ARTICLE 4

Citizens of either Contracting Party, being holder of diplomatic and official passports shall abide by the laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party while crossing its frontier and throughout the duration of their stay in its territory.

ARTICLE 5

The duration of diplomatic and official passports of nationals of either Contracting Party shall be valid for at least six [6] months on the date of entry into the territory of the country of the other party.

ARTICLE 6

- 1. For the purpose of this Agreement, each Contracting Party should transmit to the other, through diplomatic channels, specimens of its respective passports, including a detailed description of such documents currently used, at least thirty [30] 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 detailed description of such documents, at least thirty [30] days before they are brought into force.

ARTICLE 7

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.

ARTICLE 8

Either Contracting Party may request in writing, through diplomatic channels, a revision or amendment of the whole or part of this Agreement.

Any revision or amendment, which has been agreed to by the Contracting Parties, shall come into effect on a date to be mutually agreed upon and shall accordingly form part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9

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

ARTICLE 10

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be mutually agreed upon by the Contracting Parties, which shall be notified through the exchange of Diplomatic Notes. This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period and may be terminated by either Contracting Party by notification through diplomatic channels, which shall enter into force ninety [90] days after the date of such notification.

The termination or suspension of this Agreement, in whole or in part,

shall not affect the nationals or a Contracting Party holding valid diplomatic and official passports who have been granted entry into and are already present in the territory of the other Contracting Party under Article 1 and 2 of this Agreement at the point of suspension or termination.

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

DONE at New Delhi on this First Day of March in the year two thousand Eighteen in three originals in Hindi, Arabic 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

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

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