

**Agreement between the Government of the Czech Republic and the Government
of the Republic of India on Exemption from Visa Requirements for Holders
of Diplomatic Passports**

The Government of the Czech Republic and the Government of the Republic of India
(hereinafter referred to as "the Parties").

desiring to strengthen the friendly relations between the two countries.

taking into account the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and the Vienna
Convention on Consular Relations of 1963,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. Nationals of the Czech Republic holding valid diplomatic passports, may enter in,
exit from, stay in and transit through the territory of the Republic of India without visas and
fees for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days in any one hundred and eighty (180) day
period.

2. Nationals of the Republic of India holding valid diplomatic passports, may enter in,
exit from, stay in and transit through the territory of the Czech Republic without entry visas and
fees for a period not exceeding the maximum allowed period of a short-term stay of ninety (90)
days in any one hundred and eighty (180) day period. This Agreement is without prejudice to
the maximum period of stay allowed in the territory of the Member States under the Schengen
Acquis.

Article 2

1. Nationals of the State of either Party, who are holders of valid diplomatic passports and who are assigned as members of diplomatic missions or consular posts as well as representatives of international organisations, located in the territory of the State of the other Party, shall be required to obtain appropriate entry visa prior to their entry.

2. Paragraph 1 of this Article shall apply also to the family members forming part of the household of the persons specified in that paragraph who are nationals of the respective State of the Parties and holders of valid diplomatic passports.

Article 3

Nationals referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement may enter the territory of the State of the other Party through all border crossing points opened for international traffic.

Article 4

Without prejudice to their diplomatic privileges and immunities, nationals referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement shall be obliged to observe the national legislation of the other Party's State when residing on its territory.

Article 5

Each of the Parties reserves the right to refuse entry or to reduce period of stay on the territory of its State to the nationals of the State of the other Party specified in Article 1 of this Agreement, whose presence is undesirable.

Article 6

Nationals of the State of either Party who have lost their passports referred to in this Agreement on the territory of the State of the other Party shall leave such State on a passport or travel document issued by the diplomatic mission or consular post of their State in accordance with its laws and regulations.

Article 7

1. Each Party reserves the right to temporarily suspend, in whole or in part, the implementation of this Agreement for reasons of national security, protection of public order and public health or for any other serious reasons.

2. Both Parties shall inform each other about the introduction or termination of such measures under Paragraph 1 of this Article by a written notification through diplomatic channels within at least seventy two (72) hours prior to the entry into force of such measure.

Article 8

1. Both Parties shall exchange the specimens of their diplomatic passports referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement through diplomatic channels.

2. If valid diplomatic passport referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement is changed or modified, each Party shall also transmit to the other, through diplomatic channels, specimen of its new or modified diplomatic passport, including its detailed description, at least thirty (30) days before its introduction.

Article 9

Any differences or disputes arising out of the interpretation or application of the provisions of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by means of consultations or negotiations between both Parties through diplomatic channels.

Article 10

1. This Agreement has been concluded for an indefinite period and shall enter into force thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt through diplomatic channels of the last written notification on completion by the Parties of their internal legal procedures, necessary for its entry into force.

2. Each Party may at any time denounce this Agreement by written notification to the other Party through diplomatic channels. In such a case the Agreement shall cease to be in force sixty (60) days after the other Party has received the notification thereof.

3. The denouncement or suspension of this Agreement, in whole or in part, shall not affect nationals of a Party holding valid diplomatic passport who have been granted entry into and are already present in the territory of the other Party under Articles 1 and 2 of this Agreement at the point of suspension or denouncement.

Article 11

This Agreement may be amended or revised by mutual written consent of the Parties, through the exchange of diplomatic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned being duly authorised thereto have signed
this Agreement.

Done at ...Prague..... on this...7th... day of ..September... in the year 2018 in two
originals, each in the Czech, Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In
case of any divergence of interpretation of provisions of this Agreement, the English text shall
prevail.

For the Government
of the Czech Republic

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For the Government
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