

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA

ON EXEMPTION OF VISA REQUIREMENT
FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA,

Hereafter referred to singularly as "Contracting Party" and
collectively as "Contracting Parties";

CONSIDERING the interest of both States to strengthen their friendly
relations; and

DESIRING to facilitate the entry of the citizens of ROMANIA and of
the REPUBLIC OF INDIA, holders of diplomatic passports issued by the
Contracting Parties into their respective States;

have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

1. A citizen of the State of either Contracting Party, who is in
possession of a valid diplomatic passport issued by the respective State shall
be permitted to enter into, exit from and transit through the territory of the
State of the other Contracting Party through their respective international
points of entry without visa.

2. A citizen of the State of either Contracting Party, holding a
diplomatic passport shall be allowed to stay in the territory of the State of
the other Contracting Party for a maximum period of 90 (ninety) days.

ARTICLE 2

1. A citizen of the State of either Contracting Party, who is assigned
as a member of the diplomatic mission or of the consular office in the

territory of the State of the other Contracting Party, and in possession of a valid diplomatic passport issued by the respective State, shall enter the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party without a visa and, upon request, shall be granted a residence permit, valid for the period of his/her official stay, within 90 days from the date of the arrival.

2. A citizen of the State of either Contracting Party, who is appointed as representative of the respective State to an international organization located in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party and in possession of a diplomatic passport shall also enjoy the rights mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article.

3. The rights mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall also apply to the spouse of a member of the diplomatic mission or consulate and their children, provided that they hold a diplomatic passport and form part of the household.

ARTICLE 3

1. Each Contracting Party reserves the right to refuse entry into, or shorten the stay in the territory of its State of any citizen of the State of the other Contracting Party whom it may consider undesirable.

2. If a citizen of the State of either Contracting Party loses his/her passport in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party, he/she shall inform the concerned authorities of the host State for appropriate action. The diplomatic mission or consulate concerned shall issue a new passport or travel document to the citizens of its State and inform the authorities of the host Government.

ARTICLE 4

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

ARTICLE 5

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, each Contracting Party shall transmit to the other, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their

diplomatic passports, including a detailed description of such documents, at least thirty (30) days before the entry into force of this Agreement.

2. Each Contracting Party shall also transmit to the other Contracting Party, through diplomatic channels, specimens of its new or modified passports, including a detailed description of such documents, at least thirty (30) days before their introduction.

ARTICLE 6

The implementation of this Agreement may be suspended temporarily, in whole or in part, by either Contracting Party, for reasons of security, public order, public health or other serious reasons. The suspension shall become effective on the date the notification on the suspension was received, through diplomatic channels, by the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 7

Each Contracting Party may request in writing, through diplomatic channels, an ammendment of whole or part of this Agreement. Any ammendment which has been agreed to by the Contracting Parties shall come into effect according to the provisions of Article 9.

ARTICLE 8

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

ARTICLE 9

1. The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the receipt of the last notification by which the Contracting Parties inform each other on the accomplishment of the internal legal procedure necessary for its entering into force.

2. The present Agreement shall remain into force for an indefinite period of time and may be terminated by either Contracting Party by a written notification through diplomatic channels. In this case, the

Agreement shall cease to be in force 6 (six) months from the date of the receipt of the notification on termination.

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

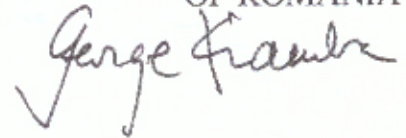
Signed in N. Delhi..., on this 31. day of January... in the year 2001., in two originals in the English language.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

A stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Shri Shashank,
Foreign Secretary.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF ROMANIA

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Ciamba" with a checkmark-like flourish at the beginning.

Mr. George Ciamba,
State Secretary of the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs.