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The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India presents its compliments to all the Diplomatic Missions, United Nations & its Specialised Agencies and International Organisations in India and has honour to invite esteemed Missions' attention to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) circulated vide our Note Verbale (NV) of even number dated 14 May 2020 and subsequent amendments/clarifications issued on 27 May 2020, 01 June 2020, 09 June 2020 and 12 June 2020 to facilitate travel of accredited diplomats, spouses and/or dependents.

2. In pursuance with new guidelines for International Arrivals circulated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 05 November 2020 (available on link: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/05112020Guidelinesforinternationalarrivals.pdf>) it has been decided that SOP for travel of accredited diplomats, spouses and dependents referred in para 1 above with reference to requirement of home quarantine stands modified to bring it on par with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare guidelines.. The revised quarantine protocols for accredited diplomats, spouses and dependents shall be same as those for International Arrivals as circulated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, which are reproduced below:

#### **Before Planning for Travel**

- i. All travellers should submit self-declaration form on the online portal ([www.newdelhiairport.in](http://www.newdelhiairport.in)) at least 72 hours before the scheduled travel or physically after arrival at the respective health counters.
- ii. They should also give an undertaking on the portal or otherwise to Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India, through concerned airlines before they are allowed to undertake the journey that they would abide by the decision of the appropriate government authority to undergo facility / home quarantine/ self-monitoring of their health for 14 days, or as warranted.
- iii. Only for compelling reasons/ cases of human distress such as pregnancy, death in family, serious illness and parent(s) with children of the age of 10 years or below, home quarantine may be permitted for 14 days.
- iv. If they wish to seek such exemption under para (iii) above, they shall apply to the online portal ([www.newdelhiairport.in](http://www.newdelhiairport.in)) at least 72 hours before boarding. The decision taken by the government as communicated on the online portal will be final.
- v. **Travelers may also seek exemption from institutional quarantine by submitting a negative RT-PCR test report. This test should have been conducted within 72 hrs prior to undertaking the journey.** The test report should be uploaded on the portal for consideration. Each passenger shall also submit a declaration with respect to authenticity of the report and will be liable for criminal prosecution, if found otherwise. The test report could also be produced upon arrival at the point of entry airport in India.

vi. International passengers arriving without an RT-PCR negative certificate and wishing to seek exemption from institutional quarantine may also avail the facility available at the airports to undergo RT-PCR testing (where such provisions exist)

vii. **All such passengers opting for exemption from institutional quarantine as in para (v) & (vi) shall undertake self-monitoring of their health and will be exempted from quarantine.**

viii. International passengers arriving without RT-PCR negative certificate and not opting for RT PCR test at airport (if facility is available) /arriving at an airport where testing facility is not available will have to undergo mandatory 7 days' institutional quarantine and 7 days' home quarantine.

3. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all the Diplomatic Missions, United Nations & its specialised Agencies and International Organisations in India the assurances of its highest consideration.

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