

## **ADVISORY**

### **Visa validity of foreign Nationals stranded in India due to COVID-19 on Gratis basis**

The Government of India has decided that:

(a) Regular visa or e-Visa or stay stipulation of period of foreign Nationals stranded in India due to COVID-19 may be considered as deemed to be valid till 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 on gratis basis without levy of any overstay penalty. Such foreign nationals would not be required to submit any application to Foreigners Regional Registration Office [FRRO]/ Foreigners Registration Office [FRO] concerned for extension of their visas. Before exiting the country, such foreign nationals may apply for an Exit Permission, which would be granted by FRRO/ FRO concerned on gratis basis without levy of any overstay penalty.

(b) In case of extension of Diplomatic/ Official/ UN Visas in respect of accredited diplomats/ officials and UN official and family member, the CPV Division would continue to provide service as per the requests received from resident Foreign Diplomatic Missions/ Posts in India.

Ottawa

08<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.