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Shri Piyush Goyal

Honourable Minister of Commerce & Industry,
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Dear Minister Goyal,

In connection with the signing of the Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement ("the Agreement"), I have the honour to confirm the following understanding shared by the Governments of Australia and India ("the Participants") in relation to "Work and Holiday" visas:

1. The Participants undertake to promote youth mobility and strengthen people-to-people ties for young Australian and Indian citizens who wish to visit Australia or India to broaden their professional and cultural horizons.
2. To this end, Australia will implement a Work and Holiday arrangement for Indian citizens within two years of entry into force of the Agreement. If India implements a similar youth mobility program in the future with any country, it will extend the opportunity to participate in such a program to Australian citizens.
3. Reflecting the understandings in paragraphs 1 and 2, Australia will implement arrangements to grant annually, according to its laws and procedures, up to 1000 multiple entry "first" "Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visas" for temporary stay for a period of up to twelve (12) months.

4. Consistent with its current legislation, holders of a Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa are currently permitted to:
 - (i) make their first entry into Australia within twelve (12) months of the date of grant of the visa;
 - (ii) remain in Australia for up to twelve (12) months from the date of first entry;
 - (iii) leave and re-enter Australia as many times as they like during the 12-month stay period;
 - (iv) undertake paid or unpaid employment for the entire duration of their stay in Australia, generally for up to six (6) months with any one employer;
 - (v) undertake study or training for up to four months (17 weeks); and
 - (vi) undertake prescribed minimum periods of “specified work” in order to become eligible to apply for a second and third Work and Holiday (subclass 462) visa.
5. Amendments to this understanding may be made at any time and notified in writing through diplomatic channels. The date of effect of any such amendment will be stipulated in the diplomatic correspondence.

6. If required, the Participants will meet to review the operation of this understanding. As part of this review, the Participants will consider amendments to allow for a reciprocal Work and Holiday arrangement.

I have the further honour of proposing that this letter, and your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares these understandings. I look forward to your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares this understanding.

Yours sincerely,

DAN TEHAN