

**WAIVER DECLARATION**

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that in accordance with the Schengen regulation (Handbook of Visa Code), am aware that the Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi (Consular Authority) has the faculty to decide the outcome of a Schengen visa application within 15 **calendar** days the application is submitted at its services.

I am also aware that the processing time for Schengen visa **starts only once the application reaches the Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi (the visa application will need up to two working days to reach the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi) and that public holidays of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi as announced on its website will not count as working days.**

However, this period can be prolonged by the Consular Authority if deemed necessary for a personal interview, scrutiny of bank documents, verification of letter of invitation, among other reasons. Also, I am aware that if the visa application is accepted in a period of less than the 15 **calendar** days to the date of departure there is no guarantee the visa will be issued by the scheduled date of travel. **The Consular Authority shall not be held responsible for any financial loss sustained by me.**

According to Schengen regulation (Handbook of Visa Code) article 7.10 it is the applicant who needs to submit the necessary documents to be granted a visa and the **Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi does not need to make further investigation into an application if the documentation is not sufficient.**

**While I am aware that I have the right of requesting information on the status of my application, I accept that the Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi will not consider any request or reminder, by telephone or email, to speed up the processing of the enclosed visa application as applications are assessed by order of arrival to the Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal in New Delhi.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Place, Date)

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Applicant's Signature (as per the signature on applicant's passport)