## SPECIAL ADVISORY FOR INDIANS TRAVELLING TO MEXICO ON UK VISAS

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Visitors traveling to Mexico on UK visas please note that a valid visa (any type) of the UK is <u>not</u> sufficient to guarantee the entry into Mexico. It must be accompanied by the proof of Permanent Residence of the visitor in the UK.

Visitors who are not Permanent Residents of the UK are not permitted entry in the country by the Mexican immigration authorities and are often detained at the immigration facility at the Airports. Subsequently, after long hours of detention/interrogation, they are repatriated to the originating station by the next available flight of the same airlines that they arrived to Mexico by.

During this period of detention, their passports, mobile phones and other belongings are held by the Immigration authorities, thereby, denying the visitors any opportunity to contact the Indian Embassy or relatives or colleagues, and the items are returned only at the time of repatriation except for the passport which is handed-over to the flight crew and returned to the passenger only after disembarking from the flight at the originating station.

In view of the above, Indian visitors to Mexico are strictly advised to not repeat <u>not</u> travel to Mexico on UK visas, unless they are permanent residents of the UK.

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