



IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

MISC. CIVIL APPLICATION (MAIN) NO.3 OF 2025

1. Elena Vanakova,
daughter of late Zoltan Vanak ne Vanak
Aged 40 years, Service, Divorcee,
Slovenska National,
Address Oversea:
resident of Volgogradskaya, 21/48,
Martin-Priekopa, 03608,
Slovakia Passport No. BR8921593

2. Melwick Johnson Costa
Son of Pedro Paulo Antonio Costa,
Aged 30 years, Bachelor, Service,
Portuguese National
Passprt No. CB866921
(Overseas Citizen of India bearing No.A3044075)
Address Overseas

12 Northampton Street Swindon
SN1 2JX United Kingdom
Presently both residing at
H.No.344/A Modsai Macasana,
Salcete, South Goa, Goa, 403709

.....Applicant

V/s.

Ross Alan Coelho
Son of George Pedro Coelho
Aged 45 years, Divorcee, Service,
Portuguese National

Passport No. CB550773
(Overseas Citizen of India bearing No. A2604835)

Address Overseas
6 Dallas Avenue,
Swindon SN3 3NP
United Kingdom

.....Respondent

Mr. Vallabh Pangam, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. Ross Alan Coelho, Respondent No.1 (through VC).

CORAM : VALMIKI MENEZES, J.

DATED : 26th SEPTEMBER, 2025.

ORAL ORDER:

1. Registry to waive objection and register the matter.
2. This is an application for confirmation of a Foreign Judgment/Decree granting Divorce to the Petitioner. The application has been filed under Article 1101 of the Portuguese Civil Procedure Code read with Section 13 of the Civil Procedure Code.
3. Notice was sent to the Respondent by the Registry of this court, pursuant to the order of this court dated 20.08.2025. Respondent, Mr. Ross could not appear in person since he is in the United Kingdom, and appeared through video conferencing.

4. The Applicant No.1 and the Respondent solemnized their marriage on 17.06.2021 at Swindon Borough Council Civic offices, Euclid street, Swindon, UK. Subsequently the parties mutually filed proceedings for dissolution of marriage before the Family Court at HM Courts & Tribunals service, PO Box 12706, Harlow, CM20 QT, United Kingdom bearing case No. ZZ20D49316 and vide order dated 03.12.2020, divorce was made absolute decree and the same does not appear to be a Judgment passed based on law contrary to the Public Policy of India and appears to conform with the laws of the land, as would be applicable to the parties, within the State of Goa. Consequently, the application is allowed. The Final Order dated 03.12.2020 passed by the HM Courts & Tribunals service, United Kingdom is confirmed and held as final and conclusive.

5. The marriage of the Petitioner with the Respondent shall stand dissolved on the confirmation of this Foreign Decree.

6. The order is made absolute in the above terms.

7. The present application stands disposed of.

VALMIKI MENEZES, J.