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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code)¹, and in particular Article 48 (1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 lays down the Union rules for the issuing of visas for transit through or intended stays in the territory of Member States not exceeding three months in any six-month period.
- (2) According to Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 and Annex II thereto, visa applicants are required to present documents indicating among other things the purpose of their journey and the fact that they fulfil the entry conditions as set out in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 establishing the Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)²; In order to ensure a harmonised application of the common visa policy, Article 14 (5) of Regulation (EC) 810/2009 requires the need to complete and harmonise the lists of supporting documents to be assessed within local Schengen cooperation in each jurisdiction in order to take account of local circumstances.
- (3) The local Schengen cooperation in Egypt (Cairo and Alexandria) has confirmed the need to harmonise the list of supporting documents and has drawn up a harmonised list.
- (4) In individual cases it should still be possible for consulates to waive the requirement to submit one or more of the listed supporting documents in the case of an applicant known to them for their integrity and reliability in accordance with Article 14 (6) of the Visa Code or, in justified cases, to request additional documents, during the

¹ OJ L 243, 15.9.2009, p. 1.

² OJ L 105, 13.4.2006, p. 1.

examination of an application, to request additional documents, in accordance with Article 21 (8) of the Visa Code.

- (5) Given that Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 builds upon the Schengen *acquis*, in accordance with Article 5 of the Protocol on the position of Denmark annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty establishing the European Community and Article 4 of Protocol (No 22) on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on the European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark notified the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 in its national law. It is therefore bound under international law to implement this Decision.
- (6) This Decision constitutes a development of provisions of the Schengen *acquis* in which the United Kingdom does not take part, in accordance with Council Decision 2000/365/EC of 29 May 2000 concerning the request of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis*³. The United Kingdom is therefore not taking part in its adoption and is not bound by it or subject to its application. This Decision should therefore not be addressed to the United Kingdom.
- (7) This Decision constitutes a development of provisions of the Schengen *acquis* in which Ireland does not take part, in accordance with Council Decision 2002/192/EC of 28 February 2002 concerning Ireland's request to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis*⁴. Ireland is therefore not taking part in its adoption and is not bound by it or subject to its application. This Decision should therefore not be addressed to Ireland.
- (8) As regards Iceland and Norway, this Decision constitutes a development of provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the association of those two States with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*⁵, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Council Decision 1999/437/EC of 17 May 1999⁶ on certain arrangements for the application of that Agreement.
- (9) As regards Switzerland, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*⁷, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Council Decision 1999/437/EC⁸ read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2008/146/EC⁹.

³ OJ L 131, 1.6.2000, p. 43.

⁴ OJ L 64, 7.3.2002, p. 20.

⁵ OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 36.

⁶ OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 31.

⁷ OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 52.

⁸ OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 31.

⁹ OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 1.

- (10) As regards Liechtenstein, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Protocol signed between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*¹⁰, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Council Decision 1999/437/EC read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2011/350/EU¹¹.
- (11) As regards Cyprus, this Decision constitutes an act building upon, or otherwise related to, the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of Article 3(2) of the 2003 Act of Accession.
- (12) As regards Bulgaria and Romania, this Decision constitutes an act building upon, or otherwise related to, the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of Article 4(2) of the 2005 Act of Accession.
- (13) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Visa Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The list of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants for short stay visas in Egypt shall be as set out in the Annex.

¹⁰ OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 21.

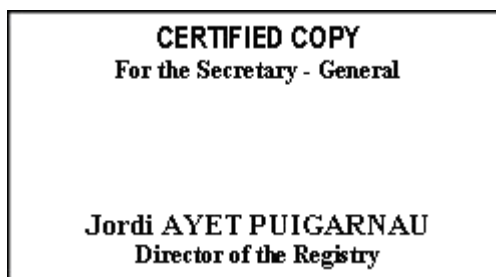
¹¹ OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 19.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden.

Done at Brussels, 27.2.2012

For the Commission
Cecilia MALMSTRÖM
Member of the Commission



ANNEX

**List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants
for short stay visas in Egypt (Cairo and Alexandria)**

1. Compulsory information to be presented by all visa applicants

1.1. Certificate from the Mogamma

For first time travellers, or in case of passport loss: a Certificate from the Mogamma covering the past 7 years.

1.2. Booking Proof

A round trip booking, if applicable. The ticket should be bought only after the visa has been issued.

A proof of accommodation.

1.3. Purpose of the trip

A document substantiating the purpose of the stay.

1.4. Solvency

Original bank statements for the past 6 months copied and translated. In the absence of bank account, proof of other assets has to be provided.

1.5. Document to be provided by employees

Certificate of employment, specifying the date of recruitment, position in the company and salary level.

1.6. Document to be provided by company owners

Original of the commercial registry and tax card.

1.7. Document to be provided by pupils and students

Proof of enrolment in school or university

1.8. Document to be provided by minors (not applicable in case of school or sports club trips):

- If the minor travels without his/her legal guardian: consent of the parental authority (both parents) or legal guardian shall be provided either through a notarised certificate or by a form signed at the consulate premises.
- If minor is travelling with one of his/her legal guardian: consent of the parental authority (parents not travelling with their minor child) or legal guardian shall be provided either through a notarised certificate or by a form signed at the consulate premises.

2. List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling for the purpose of tourism

- 2.1. If the applicant is an employee: Confirmation of leave approval.
- 2.2. Itinerary, if visiting more than one Member State.

3. List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling for business

- 3.1. Invitation letter

Official invitation from the inviting company (on official company paper, stamped and signed) containing the following information:

- the full address and contacts of the company
- nature of the business
- name and position of the countersigning officer
- purpose and duration of the visit
- person or entity who will bear the travel and living costs
- whether the sponsor gives financial guarantee for the visa applicant's return to Egypt.

- 3.2. Information to be provided by the Egyptian invited company

Copy of the invited company registry or tax card.

Official company paper stamped and signed, mentioning clearly:

- full address and contact persons of the company
- name and position of the countersigning officer
- name, position, salary and years of employment (if applicable)
- purpose of the visit
- nature of the work contract
- person or entity which will bear the applicant's travel and living costs.

An invitation letter from the inviting company which has been validated by the competent local authorities. The following Member States' consulates require that a specific form be used for the invitation letter: Austria, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, and Slovenia. Please refer to the website of the Member State concerned for further information.

4. List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling for the purpose of carrying out paid activities or internship

Under the national legislation of individual Member States, some paid activities or internship require the applicant to provide a work permit or a similar document: please check the website of the Member State concerned.

5. List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling for the purpose of visiting family/friends

Invitation letter:

- An invitation letter signed by host family/friends.
- The following Member States' consulates require that a specific form be used for the invitation letter: Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. Please refer to the websites of the Member State concerned for further specifications.

6. List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling for the purpose of medical treatment

6.1. Certificate from a medical doctor (designated by the consulate) and/or a medical institution:

- The certificate should state the medical history of the patient and what kind of medical treatment is needed.

6.2. Official document from the receiving medical institution

- It should confirm that it can perform the specific medical treatment and that the patient will be accepted accordingly.

6.3. Proof of financial arrangement made

6.4. Any other correspondence between the sending medical doctor and the receiving medical institution, if available.

7. List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling for the purpose of cultural/sports events

7.1. For minors:

Student card and original letter of the school mentioning: the full address, telephone number of the school, permission for absence, name and function of the person giving the permission.

7.2. Minors travelling alone: See point 1.8

7.3. Original letter of invitation from the organiser of the event in the Member State of destination

7.4. If applicable: letter of the institution sending the concerned applicant.