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**NOTE VERBALE**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania and has the honour to propose to conclude an *Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on Visa Representation* (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”), in the form of an exchange of notes.

Referring to the legal framework for the representation of the Schengen States for the purpose of examining applications and issuing the Schengen visas, contained in Article 8 of the Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (hereinafter referred to as “the Visa Code”), and subsequent amendments, the Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”) have agreed as follows:

**1. Extent of representation**

1. In accordance with this Agreement the Republic of Lithuania shall represent the Republic of Estonia in the following location(s):

 – Yerevan (Republic of Armenia).

1. Representation consists of:
2. Informing the public;
3. Collecting applications and, if necessary, biometric identifiers;
4. Examining and deciding on visa applications in accordance with the Visa Code.

**2. Conditions of representation**

1. Visa applications shall be assessed and visas issued in accordance with the procedures, conditions and criteria laid down in the Visa Code.
2. No visa with limited territorial validity shall be issued without authorisation from the represented Member State’s authorities, including, but not limited to, the embassy of the represented Member State. However, this does not apply if the limitation is solely due to the fact that not all Schengen Member States recognise the travel document, unless it is the represented Member State that does not recognise the travel document.
3. Except in the cases specified in the Visa Code, a Member State cannot be held liable for activities performed on behalf of the other Member State.
4. The representing Member State may work with an external service provider at one or more locations, in accordance with and under the conditions stipulated by the Visa Code.
5. If necessary, the supporting documents for the visa application should be translated into one of the working languages used by the consulate of the representing Member State. The costs of the translation shall be covered by the visa applicants.
6. For nationalities for which prior consultation is required, the consultation shall be executed by the representing Member State, in accordance with the Visa Code.
7. In case of questions, in particular when related to the inviting party or sponsor, the representing Member State’s consulate may contact the point of contact of the represented Member State as per Annex 1. Any changes in Annex 1 shall be immediately notified to the other Party by a diplomatic note.
8. The representing Member State is authorised to issue visas on all types of travel documents provided these are recognised by the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Lithuania.
9. Upon specific or general request, the representing Member State shall submit to the represented Member State statistical details about the visas issued and refused by the representing Member State. The representing Member State shall also report any serious incidents regarding the implementation of the Agreement.
10. The representing Member State is entitled to all visa fees collected in accordance with the Visa Code.

**3. Final provisions**

1. This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period of time and shall enter into force on the tenth (10) day from receipt of the last diplomatic note by which the Parties inform each other of the completion of the necessary domestic procedures.
2. This Agreement may be amended and supplemented by mutual consent of the Parties by means of an exchange of notes through diplomatic channels. The amendments and supplements shall enter into force in the same manner as this Agreement unless agreed otherwise.
3. The Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Parties may, with mutual consent, add and remove the locations of representation by exchange of diplomatic notes.
4. Each Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving a written notice to the other Party through diplomatic channels. This Agreement shall cease to apply on the thirtieth (30) day after the date of receipt of such notification unless agreed otherwise.
5. This Agreement may be suspended at any time, in whole or in part, by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of either Party. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the other Party shall be notified in writing of the date of beginning and ending of such suspension through diplomatic channels, no later than thirty (30) days before its beginning.
6. Any disputes arising out of the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Parties through diplomatic channels.
7. On the date of the entry into force of this Agreement, the *Agreement between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Lithuania on the representation for the issuing of Schengen visas*, done at Tallinn on 17 February 2009, with its subsequent amendments is terminated.

**Annex 1: Points of contact**

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If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Lithuanian side, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia has the honour to suggest that the present verbal note and the corresponding note of acceptance shall together constitute the *Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on Visa Representation*.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania the assurances of its highest consideration.

Tallinn, January 2025

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

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