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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 14(5a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 lays down the procedures and conditions for the issuing of visas for intended stays on the territory of Member States not exceeding 90 days in any 180-day period.
- (2) To ensure a harmonised application of the common visa policy taking into account local circumstances, Article 48(1a), point (a), of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 provides that the harmonised lists of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants should be drawn up through local Schengen cooperation in each jurisdiction.
- (3) Implementing Decision C(2012) 1152 final² lists the supporting documents to be submitted by applicants for short stay visas in Egypt (Cairo and Alexandria).
- (4) Following the latest assessment by consulates and taking local circumstances into account, Member States and the Commission through the local Schengen cooperation have confirmed that the harmonised list of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants in Egypt (Cairo and Alexandria) needs to be revised. The list should be restructured to improve clarity. The revision should also take account of the experience gained in applying the previous list, for example by specifying the documents to be submitted as evidence of sufficient means to cover the intended stay and adding to the list the documents to be submitted for additional travel purposes (for example airport transit). Documents that have become obsolete should no longer be included in the list.
- (5) Implementing Decision C(2012) 1152 should therefore be repealed.
- (6) For applicants that are known to consulates for their integrity and reliability, it should be possible for those consulates to waive the requirements of Article 14(1) of

¹ OJ L OJ L 243, 15.9.2009, p. 1.

² Commission Implementing Decision C(2012) 1152 final of 27 February 2012 establishing the list of supporting documents to be presented by visa applicants in Egypt (Cairo and Alexandria).

Regulation (EC) No 810/2009, in accordance with Article 14(6) of that Regulation. It should also be possible, in justified cases, for consulates to request additional documents during an examination of an application, in accordance with Article 21(8) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009.

- (7) Given that Denmark notified the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009, which builds upon the Schengen *acquis*, in its national law, in accordance with Article 4 of Protocol (No 22) on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark is bound under international law to implement this Decision.
- (8) As regards Ireland, this Decision constitutes a development in the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* in which Ireland does not take part, in line with Council Decision 2002/192/EC³. Ireland is therefore not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application. This Decision should therefore not be addressed to Ireland.
- (9) As regards Iceland and Norway, this Decision constitutes a development in the 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 latter's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*⁴, which fall under the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Council Decision 1999/437/EC⁵.
- (10) As regards Switzerland, this Decision constitutes a development in 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*⁶, which fall under the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Decision 1999/437/EC, read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2008/146/EC⁷.
- (11) As regards Liechtenstein, this Decision constitutes a development in 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*⁸, which fall under the area referred to in Article

³ 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* (OJ L 64, 7.3.2002, p. 20).

⁴ OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 36.

⁵ Council Decision 1999/437/EC of 17 May 1999 on certain arrangements for the application 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* (OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 31).

⁶ OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 52.

⁷ Council Decision 2008/146/EC of 28 January 2008 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, 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* (OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 1).

⁸ OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 21.

1, point B of Decision 1999/437/EC read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2011/350/EU⁹.

- (12) This Decision constitutes an act building on the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of Article 3(2) of the 2003 Act of Accession as regards Cyprus and Article 4(2) of the 2005 Act of Accession as regards Bulgaria and Romania.
- (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 in Egypt for short stay visas is set out in the Annex.

Article 2

Implementing Decision C(2012) 1152 is repealed.

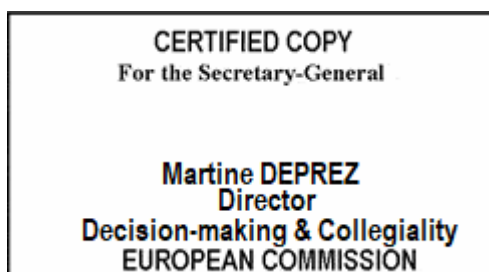
⁹ Council Decision 2011/350/EU of 7 March 2011 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between 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*, relating to the abolition of checks at internal borders and movement of persons (OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 19).

Article 3

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 Republic of Croatia, 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, 27.4.2023

For the Commission
Ylva JOHANSSON
Member of the Commission





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List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants in Egypt for short stay visas

I. General requirements for all applicants

1. Travel arrangements

Proof of intended means of transport and itinerary.

Proof of accommodation, such as:

- a prepaid hotel reservation
- confirmation of a hotel reservation
- confirmation of prepaid accommodation
- confirmation of private accommodation
- proof of sufficient financial means to cover accommodation costs.

Proof of private accommodation may also be provided by a host in line with certain legal requirements (some Member States require a specific national form to be completed; see Section 2).

2. Proof of financial means

Original bank account statements with an official bank stamp and signature and translations of the statements, showing activity over the last 6 months, or proof of other assets. In addition, the following documents are required.

(a) For employees:

- a certificate of employment, specifying the recruitment date, position in the company and salary level

(b) For company owners:

- original of the commercial registry and tax card.

(c) For students:

- proof of enrolment in school/university.

If relevant, proof of financial means may be given by submitting an official national form of sponsorship and/or private accommodation (required by some Member States).

3. Traveller profile (family ties and travel history)

Proof of the applicant's family ties and marital status in Egypt through an extract of the *Kid Aely* family register.

For first-time applicants or applicants who have lost their passport: The *Mogamma* (movement) certificate (indicating if the applicant has had previous passports and if the applicant has previously travelled to the Member States).

For non-Egyptian nationals: Proof of legal residence in Egypt, valid for 3 months beyond the intended date of departure from the territory of the Member States.

4. Additional requirements for minors

(a) If minors travel without their legal guardian(s):

- consent of the parental authority (both parents) or legal guardian(s) must be provided either through a notarised certificate or a form signed at the consulate premises or at the external service provider;
 - a copy of the minor’s birth certificate and a copy of each parent’s passport must be provided.
- (b) If minors travel with only one of their legal guardians:
- consent of the parental authority or legal guardian not travelling with their minor child must be provided through a notarised certificate or a form signed at the consulate premises or at the external service provider;
 - a copy of the minor’s birth certificate and a copy of the passport of the authorising adult must be provided.

II. Documents to be submitted depending on the purpose of travel

1. Tourism

- If the applicant is employed: Confirmation of leave approval.
- If visiting more than one Member State: Trip itinerary.

2. Business

- (a) Official invitation from the inviting company (on official company paper, stamped and signed) containing the following information:
- the full address of the company and contact persons
 - nature of the business
 - name and position of the person signing the invitation
 - purpose and duration of the visit
 - person or entity who will bear the applicant’s travel and living costs.
- (b) Information to be provided by the sending company:
- Copy of the sending company’s recent registry/tax card.
 - Statement on official company paper stamped and signed, containing the following information:
 - full address of the company and contact persons
 - name and position of the person signing the statement
 - applicant’s name, position, salary and number of years employed (if applicable)
 - purpose of the visit
 - the characteristics of the applicant’s work contract
 - person or entity who will bear the applicant’s travel and living costs.

3. Visit of private family/friends

A personal letter of invitation, containing the following information:

- applicant’s full name
- host’s full name and address
- duration of visit.

If relevant, an official national sponsorship form may be requested.

