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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(1a) (a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 lays down procedures and conditions for the issuing of visas for transit through or intended stays on the territory of Member States that do not exceed 90 days in any 180-day period.
- (2) To ensure that the common visa policy is uniformly applied, Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 provides that harmonised lists of supporting documents should be drawn up within local Schengen cooperation in each jurisdiction so that local circumstances can be taken into account.
- (3) Local Schengen cooperation in United Arab Emirates has confirmed the need to harmonise the list of supporting documents and have accordingly drawn up a list which is set out in Annex VI to Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 2737 final².
- (4) Following a renewed assessment that takes local circumstances into account, the local Schengen cooperation has confirmed that the list of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants in United Arab Emirates needs to be revised. The revision should take account of the experience gained from applying the previous harmonised list, the need to restructure the list and specify the documents to be submitted by certain categories of travellers and for certain travel purposes as well as the need to delete documents that have become obsolete.
- (5) In the case of applicants known to consulates for their integrity and reliability, it should be possible for those consulates to waive the requirement to submit one or more of the listed supporting documents, in accordance with Article 14(6) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009. It should also be possible, in justified cases, for

¹ OJ L 243, 15.9.2009, p. 1.

² Commission Implementing Decision of 29 April 2014 establishing the list of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants in Belarus, Cameroon, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and United Arab Emirates (C(2014) 2737 final).

consulates to request additional documents during an examination of an application, in accordance with Article 21(8) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009.

- (6) Given that Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 builds upon the Schengen *acquis*, Denmark, in accordance with Article 5 of Protocol No 5 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 European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, notified the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 in its national law. Denmark is therefore bound under international law to implement this Decision.
- (7) 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/EC³. The United Kingdom is therefore not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (8) 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/EC⁴; Ireland is therefore not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (9) 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 latter's association 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/EC⁶.
- (10) 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 Decision 1999/437/EC, read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2008/146/EC⁸.
- (11) 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

³ 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* (OJ L 131, 1.6.2000, p. 43).

⁴ 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).

⁵ OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 36.

⁶ 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).

⁷ OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 52.

⁸ 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).

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*⁹, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Decision 1999/437/EC read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2011/350/EU¹⁰.

- (12) This Decision constitutes an act building upon, or otherwise related to, the Schengen *acquis* within, respectively, the meaning of Article 3(2) of the 2003 Act of Accession, Article 4(2) of the 2005 Act of Accession and Article 4(2) of the 2011 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

Annex VI to Implementing Decision C(2014) 2737 final is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

⁹ OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 21.

¹⁰ 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 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 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, 27.5.2020

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission





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List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants for short stay visas in the United Arab Emirates

I. General requirements

- 1) Copy of flight ticket or flight reservation including return flight.
- 2) Verifiable evidence of sufficient means of subsistence during intended stay:
 - a) Payslips;
 - b) a valid international credit card accompanied by bank statements;
 - c) bank account statements for the last three months; or
 - d) a national form for proof of sponsorship and/or accommodation.
- 3) Proof of accommodation
 - a) hotel reservation;
 - b) proof of rental or ownership of real estate in the Member State of destination;
 - c) confirmation of private accommodation, mentioning that the host will cover the accommodation costs;
 - d) confirmation of accommodation by the company inviting the applicant, mentioning that the company will cover the accommodation costs.
- 4) Minors travelling without their parents/legal guardian: original authorisation signed by their parents/legal guardian in front of a visa officer or duly legalised and copy of passport(s) of parents/legal guardian.
- 5) Residence permit valid three months beyond the intended date of departure from the territory of the Member States or, for GCC citizens, a UAE-ID-card, valid for three months after the intended departure date from the territory of the Member States.
- 6) Employees: original letter from employer stating the applicant’s employment status, position, length of contract and salary.
- 7) Self-employed persons: valid original trade licence.

II. Documents to be submitted relating to the purpose of the journey

- 1) Business
 - Invitation letter from a company or an authority to attend a meeting, conference or event or other documents which shows the existence of trade relations or relations for work purposes (e.g. confirmed registrations for trade fairs or congresses).
- 2) Official delegation/mission
 - Letter issued by the authority(-ies) concerned confirming identity of the applicant(s), purpose of the journey (meetings, consultations, negotiations or

events held by intergovernmental organizations), period of intended stay and accommodation details.

3) Tourism

- Full travel itinerary.

4) Private visit: invitation letter signed by the host covering the period of the intended stay.

5) Medical treatment

- A document issued by the medical institution in the Member State of destination confirming that the applicant will receive medical care in that institution.
- Pre-payment or other proof of sufficient financial means to cover the medical treatment and related expenses, such as insurance coverage.

6) Study or training

- A certificate of enrolment at an educational establishment for the purposes of attending vocational or theoretical courses within the framework of basic and further training;
- Student cards or certificates of the courses to be attended.

7) Airport transit

- Valid visa for the country of next or final destination.
- Proof of the intention of carrying out the onward journey: copy of ticket or reservation of ticket for onward journey.”