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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 issuing visas for intended stays on the territory of the Member States that do not exceed 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 Member States and the Commission are to cooperate through local Schengen cooperation in order to prepare harmonised lists of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants.
- (3) Annex IV to Implementing Decision C(2016) 5947² sets out the list of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants for short stay visas in Tanzania.
- (4) A renewed assessment under local Schengen cooperation taking local circumstances into account has confirmed that the harmonised list of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants in Tanzania needs to be revised. The revision should take account of the experience gained in applying the previous list, by further specifying the documents to be submitted by applicants travelling for the purpose of business, sports, attending a conference or events. Documents to be submitted by seafarers and by those applying for an airport transit visa should be added to the list.
- (5) 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 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 the examination of an application, in accordance with Article 21(8) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009.

¹ OJ L 243, 15.9.2009, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2009/810/oj>.

² Commission Implementing Decision of 23.9.2016 establishing the list of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants for short stay visas in Argentina, Brazil, Hong Kong and Macao and Tanzania (C(2016) 5947 final).

- (6) Given that Denmark decided to implement Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 which builds on 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.
- (7) This Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* in which Ireland does not take part, in accordance 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.
- (8) As regards Iceland and Norway, this Decision constitutes a development of 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 within the area referred to in Article 1, point B, of Council Decision 1999/437/EC⁵.
- (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*⁶, 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 2008/146/EC⁷.
- (10) As regards Liechtenstein, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning 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*⁸, 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/EU⁹.

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, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2002/192/oj>).

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, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/1999/437/oj>).

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, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2008/146/oj>).

⁸ OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 21.

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

- (11) This Decision constitutes an act building upon, or otherwise relating to, the Schengen *acquis* within, respectively, the meaning of Article 3(2) of the 2003 Act of Accession and Article 4(2) of the 2005 Act of Accession.
- (12) Implementing Decision C(2016) 5947 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (13) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Visa Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

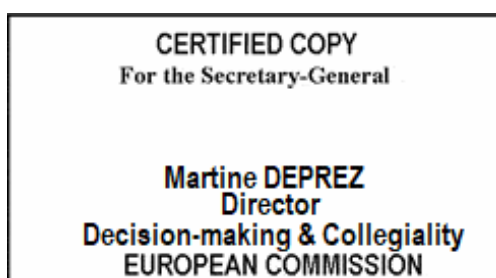
Annex IV to Implementing Decision C(2016) 5947 is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

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, 15.3.2024

For the Commission
Ylva JOHANSSON
Member of the Commission



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, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2011/350/oj>).



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

1. General requirements for all applicants

- For non-Tanzanian applicants: proof of legal stay in Tanzania (i.e. valid residence permit for Tanzania), valid for at least 3 months from the date of intended departure from the territory of the Member States.
- Information enabling an assessment of the applicant’s intention to leave the Schengen area before the expiry of the visa applied for.
 - If the applicant is a student: student card or signed and stamped copy of his/her enrolment at the educational establishment in question.
 - For employees: a signed and stamped introduction letter from the applicant’s employer, with at least the following information:
 - address and contact details of the employer;
 - period/duration of stay;
 - purpose of stay;
 - name and position of countersigning officer;
 - For business owners: BRELA (Business Registration and Licensing Agency) registration certificate for Tanzania Mainland or BPRA (Zanzibar Business and Property Registration Agency) registration certificate for Zanzibar and/or TIN certificate, plus proof of active business.
 - For Tanzanian diplomats on a short-term mission: a Note Verbale including a request from their Ministry as proof of mission.
- For minors: birth certificate and parental consent.
 - If the minor is travelling without his/her legal guardian, the consent of the parental authority or legal guardian must be provided as a legalised certificate issued by a competent authority or as a form signed on the premises of the consulate where the application is lodged.
 - If the minor is travelling with one of his/her legal guardians, the consent of the parental authority (parents not travelling with their minor child) or legal guardian must be provided as a legalised certificate issued by a competent authority or as a form signed on the consulate premises.
 - Exception: the single parent with whom the minor is travelling has sole legal guardianship.
- Proof of a hotel reservation, or proof that private accommodation will be provided (letter or scanned attachment to email from the host confirming that the host will provide accommodation), or proof of sufficient financial means to cover the applicant’s accommodation costs for the whole duration of his/her intended stay in the Schengen area.

- Proof of sufficient means of subsistence for the duration of the stay, such as regular income, e.g. salary slips for at least the last three months, bank statements for at least the last three months. Diplomats travelling for personal reasons on a diplomatic passport are also required to submit proof of financial means of subsistence.
- If supported by another family member/spouse: additional proof of kinship (birth certificate/marriage certificate).
- Flight reservation/round trip booking.

2. Supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling for business

- A letter of invitation. This must be written by a company/organisation located in the Schengen country, mentioning:
 - address and contact details of the company;
 - period/duration of stay;
 - purpose of stay;
 - name and position of countersigning officer;
 - the nature of the business relationship between the host company and the applicant/applicant’s company;
 - proof of enrolment in seminar/conference/workshop (if applicable).
- If attending a conference:
 - name;
 - location;
 - contact person for that conference with a registration or invitation and proof of receipt of payment.
- If a company is inviting the applicant: a copy of the certificate or registration/business licence of the inviting company.

3. Supporting documents to be submitted by seafarers

- Detailed signed letter of employment / contract with full details of the seafarer, job description, name and flag of the vessel, port and date of boarding and disembarkment, itinerary to the port, identification and position of signing officer.
- If applicable, seaman’s book.

4. Supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling to attend sports or cultural events or for other reasons

- A letter of invitation. This must be written by the host company/organisation located in the Schengen country, mentioning:
 - address and contact details of the company/organisation;
 - period/duration of stay;
 - purpose of stay;
 - name and position of countersigning officer;

- the nature of the relationship between the host company/organisation and the applicant/applicant’s company/organisation.
- If attending a conference/programme/training course/event:
 - name;
 - location;
 - contact person for that event with a registration or invitation and proof of receipt of payment.
 - depending on the nature of the event, relevant supporting documents such as:
 - proof of enrolment/registration
 - proof of activity in the relevant sector
 - contract if applicable
 - proof of eligible financing/allowance, or payment
 - public concert schedule or event programme
- If attending a sports event:
 - reliable track record of sport ability / practice
 - proof of enrolment/registration
 - proof of eligible financing/allowance, or payment
- Proof of registration of the Tanzanian organisation by the competent authority in Tanzania, if the applicant belongs to an organisation/association (not applicable to individual artists and individual sportsmen/women).

5. Supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling for tourism

- Itinerary of planned trip with associated transport, hotel and tour bookings.

6. Supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling to visit family/friends

- Signed invitation and proof of legal status from host, and if relevant, proof of sponsorship/financial solvency by the person inviting the applicant.

Under the national legislation of the Member State in question such proof may be provided in a document that can be obtained from the relevant competent authority of that Member State or as written confirmation from the host and as other documentation. Such documentation may include a copy of the identity card/passport and/or residence permit of the person inviting the applicant.

- Documentation (marriage certificate, birth certificate) proving the relationship with the family member inviting the applicant.

7. Supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling for medical treatment

- A letter from the clinic/host medical institution confirming the applicant’s appointment at the clinic/medical institution in question.
- Financial guarantee: proof of a bank payment or transfer of the cost of the treatment to the clinic, on the basis of the payment plan agreed with the clinic.
- Medical/health documentation issued by the applicant’s country of residence attesting applicant’s illness; declaration by a public or private healthcare facility (which must be accredited by the National Health Service) indicating the type of treatment, the date it will begin, its estimated duration and the costs associated with it. The documentation should indicate that treatment abroad is necessary.

8. Supporting documents to be submitted by applicants for airport transit visas

- Valid visa for the country of next or final destination.
- Proof of the intention of carrying out the onward journey: copy of continuation ticket or reservation, and plausible explanation of routing.’