

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC ON MUTUAL  
REPRESENTATION IN ISSUING VISAS

**Article 1**  
**Reciprocal Representation**

- (1) The Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Czech Republic, hereinafter referred to as “Contracting Parties”, shall represent each other in processing of visa applications and issuing uniform visas valid for the territory of all contracting parties of the Convention of 19 June 1990 implementing the Schengen Agreement of 14 June 1985 on the gradual abolition of checks at their common borders (Schengen Implementing Convention).
- (2) The Consular Posts where representation according to paragraph (1) shall be established, as well as scope, commencement and termination of such representation, are listed in the Annex to this Agreement. Any modification of this Annex shall be done by an exchange of notes by the Contracting Parties. Such a modification shall enter into force on the first day of the first month following the month in which the reply note was delivered.

**Article 2**  
**Procedure**

- (1) The representing Consular Post shall accept visa applications, collect visa application data, visa fee and, after the introduction of biometric identifiers in visas, also biometric data and examine visa applications.
- (2) If, at the representing Consular Post’s discretion, the conditions for issuing the visa are met in accordance with the Schengen acquis, it shall issue the visa to the applicant.
- (3) If, at the representing Consular Post’s discretion, the conditions for issuing the visa are not met in accordance with the Schengen acquis, then the representing Consular Post shall be authorized to refuse to issue a visa as set in Article 8, paragraph 4, letter d) 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 (Visa Code).
- (4) Representing Consular Posts shall be authorized to affix visas only to those travel documents recognized both by the Austrian and by the Czech authorities as valid.
- (5) The mutual exchange of visa statistics with regard to the representation shall be carried out on a six-month basis.

### **Article 3**

#### **Authorised bodies**

- (1) The authorised bodies for implementation of the present Agreement are:

In the Republic of Austria:  
Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs  
Dept. IV.2 (Travel- and Cross Border Traffic; Residence Issues)  
1014 Vienna

In the Czech Republic:  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Consular Conceptions and Methodology Department  
118 00 Prague

- (2) The Contracting Parties shall inform each other through diplomatic channels on the contact data of the authorised bodies mentioned in paragraph 1 above.

### **Article 4**

#### **Commencement of the Representation**

- (1) The representing Consular Post carries out the activities to implement this Agreement independently.
- (2) The represented Member State shall notify this Agreement or the termination of this Agreement to the European Commission before it enters into force or is terminated.
- (3) Simultaneously, the consulate of the representing Member State shall inform both the consulates of other Member States and the delegation of the European Union in the jurisdiction concerned about this Agreement or the termination of this Agreement before it enters into force or is terminated.

### **Article 5**

#### **Visa Fees**

The representing Consular Post is in all circumstances entitled to collect visa fees.

## **Article 6 Final Provisions**

- (1) This Agreement is concluded for an unlimited period of time.
- (2) This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the first month following the month in which this Agreement was signed by the Contracting Parties.
- (3) Each Contracting Party may at any time terminate this Agreement in writing through diplomatic channels. In such case, this Agreement shall terminate three months after the receipt of the notice of termination by the other Contracting Party.
- (4) Each Contracting Party may at any time suspend this Agreement in writing through diplomatic channels. Such suspension shall become effective upon the lapse of fifteen days from the delivery of such notification to the other Contracting Party.

Done at Prague on this 31 day of May in the year 2013 in two originals, each in English language.

**For the Government  
of the Republic of Austria**

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**For the Government  
of the Czech Republic**

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Annex:

### **Representing Consular Posts:**

- Embassy of the Republic of Austria in Dakar
- Embassy of the Czech Republic in Baghdad (Representation is limited to the visa applications of holders of Iraqi diplomatic and service passports)