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## NOTE VERBALE

The Austrian Embassy in Oslo presents its compliments to the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to propose to agree on the following:

Norway shall represent Austria in matters concerning handling of applications for all types of visas at the following consular posts:

### **Lilongwe (Malawi)**

The present verbal note and the reply from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway shall form the bilateral agreement in accordance with Article 8.4 of 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), which entered into force on April 5<sup>th</sup> 2010. The implementation of this agreement shall be based on the Visa Code Handbook and on the provisions of this agreement.

The practical conditions of implementation of this agreement may be agreed upon informally.

The competent Austrian Authority is the Austrian Embassy in Nairobi (hereinafter: Austrian Embassy). Address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail addresses and contact persons at the Austrian Embassy will be communicated in writing. If the Embassy of Norway in Lilongwe, (hereinafter: the Embassy) finds that all the conditions for issuing a visa are met in accordance with the EU Visa Code, the Embassy shall issue a visa.

If the Embassy finds that the conditions for issuing a visa are not met in accordance with the EU Visa Code, then the Embassy shall be authorized to refuse to issue a visa as set in Article 8, paragraph 4, letter d) of the EU Visa Code.

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The Embassy shall be authorized to affix visas only to those travel documents recognized by both Austrian and Norwegian authorities as valid.

No visa with limited territorial validity (LTV) can be issued without authorization from the Austrian Embassy. This does not, however, apply if the limitation is solely due to the fact that not all Schengen Member States recognize the travel document, unless it is Austria that does not recognize the travel document.

Norway shall, after a specific or general request, inform Austria regarding the visas that have been issued.

Fees for visa applications are to be charged in accordance with the Schengen Acquis. Norway is entitled to all visa fees. Other than that Austria shall not give any financial compensation to Norway for handling the visa applications.

If the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway agrees to this proposal, the Austrian Embassy has the honour to propose that this Note and the Ministry's confirmative Note shall constitute an agreement between the Austrian Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway which shall enter into force on August 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 and can be suspended by each side or be cancelled immediately by verbal note.

The Austrian Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurance of its highest consideration.



Oslo, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014

The  
Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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