

**Agreement  
between the Republic of Austria and the Republic of Hungary on the mutual  
representation by their diplomatic and consular missions in processing visas**

Article 1

(1) The Contracting Parties may represent each other as provided by this Agreement and as specified by implementing agreements according to Article 5 in processing visas to the extent of providing information on visa applications, arranging appointments, receiving and forwarding applications and supporting documents, recording data - including biometric data - and collecting administrative fees.

(2) Acting under Paragraph (1), the diplomatic and consular missions of the Contracting Parties shall render each other all appropriate assistance. At locations where only one of the Contracting Parties has a mission, that mission shall give assistance to the mission of the other Contracting Party competent for that location.

(3) From the date of application of all parts of the Schengen Acquis to the Republic of Hungary, the Contracting Parties represent each other in processing uniform visas in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Article 2

Acting under Article 1, the relevant legal norms of the European Union, including Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, as well as those of the representing Party shall be applicable, and the interests of the represented Party shall be taken into account.

Article 3

Acting under Article 1 Paragraph (1), the diplomatic and consular missions of the representing Party may have consultations with the mission competent for that location or the Foreign Ministry of the represented Party.

Article 4

Acting under Article 1, the representing Party shall act as diligently as if processing visas on its own behalf. However, there is no liability of one Contracting Party for activities performed on behalf of the other Contracting Party.

#### Article 5

Implementing agreements between the Foreign Ministries of the Contracting Parties shall designate the diplomatic and consular missions to which this Agreement shall be applied as well as the necessary technical and financial details of the cooperation and rules relating to data protection. The Contracting Parties shall jointly notify the host country concerned.

#### Article 6

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month after the Contracting Parties notified each other through diplomatic channels that their constitutional requirements for the entry into force have been fulfilled.

#### Article 7

This Agreement may be applied provisionally if the Contracting Parties notified each other through diplomatic channels that the requirements for the provisional application have been fulfilled.

#### Article 8

This Agreement is concluded for an unlimited period. It may be terminated at any time by a notification through diplomatic channels by either Contracting Party. In case of termination, the Agreement remains in force for ninety (90) days following the receipt of the notification by the other Contracting Party.

#### Article 9

The Contracting Parties may suspend the application of this Agreement wholly or partly at any time. The starting and closing date of the suspension shall be notified through diplomatic channels and shall become effective thirty (30) days after notification, unless agreed otherwise by the Contracting Parties.

Done in Vienna at March 6, 2007, in two originals in the English language.

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