

## **AGREEMENT**

**between the Federal Ministry for European and  
International Affairs of the Republic of Austria and  
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia  
on the implementation of the Agreement between the Austrian  
Federal Government and the Government of the Republic of Estonia on  
Mutual Representation by Diplomatic and Consular Missions  
of their States in the Visa Application Procedure**

1. The Republic of Austria shall represent the Republic of Estonia in processing „A“, „B“ and „C“ visas in Kuwait (State of Kuwait) and Riyadh (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia).
2. The diplomatic and consular missions shall represent persons who have their usual residence in the receiving state of the respective diplomatic or consular mission.
3. If the Austrian diplomatic or consular mission is not in the position to issue a visa, the applicant shall be referred to the competent diplomatic or consular post of the Republic of Estonia. In this case, the Austrian diplomatic or consular mission hands over a written information to the applicant which has been prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia. Paragraph 3 shall become invalid on the day of the entry into force 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.
4. The visa categories, their validity and duration as well as the fee for the visa application procedure are arranged according to the relevant Acquis of the European Union and comply with the Schengen Common Consular Instructions (CCI) and the EU practice in the field of visa processing.
5. The Austrian diplomatic or consular mission which is carrying out the visa procedure shall bill the fee and shall keep it in compensation for its efforts.
6. If the Austrian diplomatic or consular mission finds that all conditions for issuing a visa are met, and that there is no risk of illegal immigration or disturbance of the public order, it shall issue a visa.
7. If the Austrian diplomatic or consular mission does not have, and cannot obtain, the necessary information about the applicant, his references or the purpose of the visit, or if it finds that a visa should not be issued, or if it is in doubt whether or not a visa should be issued, the application or parts of it shall be submitted by fax or e-mail to the competent diplomatic or consular mission of the Republic of Estonia. The latter communicates its fax number as well as its e-mail address to all Austrian diplomatic and consular missions competent for representation and timely notifies all changes of those contact addresses. The competent diplomatic or consular mission of the Republic of Estonia shall inform as soon as possible if there are reasons for a visa denial or not. The Austrian diplomatic or consular mission does not decide on the visa application before getting the reply.
8. If the Embassy of Estonia decides that a visa cannot be granted, the Embassy of Austria shall be informed. The refusal shall be submitted in writing. The decision shall formally

be addressed to the applicant in English so that it can be handed over to the visa applicant without further formalities.

9. The contacts for the implementation of the Agreement are the respective Austrian diplomatic or consular mission and the competent diplomatic or consular mission of the Republic of Estonia.
10. Further details concerning the representation shall be determined between the two competent ministries.
11. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Agreement between the Austrian Federal Government and the Government of the Republic of Estonia on Mutual Representation by Diplomatic and Consular Missions of their States in the Visa Application Procedure. It is concluded for an unlimited period. The Agreement may be terminated by a written notice by either Party. The Agreement shall expire at the earliest six months after the receipt of the termination notice by the other Party.

Done in Tallinn on 18 September 2009 in two original copies in the English language.

**On behalf of the Federal Ministry for  
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of the Republic of Austria:**

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