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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

16/10683

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia presents its compliments to the State Department of the United States of America and with reference to recent discussions between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the United States of America regarding the employment of dependents of employees assigned to official duty in the Receiving State, has the honour to inform, that guiding by desire of the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the United States of America sign the Agreement for the employment of the dependents of members of diplomatic missions, consular offices and missions to international organizations in respective countries, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia has the honour to propose the terms attached to this note.

If the terms attached to this note are acceptable for the Government of the United States of America, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia has the honour to propose that this note and the reply of the Government of the United States of America will constitute an Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the United States of America, which will enter into force on the date of the last written notification of parties on completion of their legal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the State Department of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Yerevan, September 20, 2005



The State Department of the  
United States of America  
Washington

## Annex

### on the employment of dependents of employees assigned to official duty in the Receiving State

The Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of United States of America, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

Wishing to set up conditions for the employment of the dependents of members of diplomatic missions, consular offices and missions to international organizations in respective countries,

**Have agreed as follows:**

#### Article 1 Definitions

For the purpose of this Agreement the following terms shall mean:

***“Employees assigned to official duty”*** - diplomatic agents, consular officers and members of the support (administrative and technical) staff assigned to diplomatic missions, consular offices and missions to international organizations.

***“Dependents”*** – a) in the case of Armenia dependents: spouses, unmarried dependent children under 18 years of age, and unmarried children who are physically or mentally disabled,

b) in the case of America dependents: spouses, unmarried dependent children under 21 years of age, unmarried dependent children under 23 years of age who are in full-time attendance as students at a postsecondary educational institution, and unmarried children who are physically or mentally disabled.

***“Receiving State”*** – a State, where the diplomatic mission, consular offices and/or missions to international organizations of one of the Party are located.

## **Article 2**

### **The right to employment of dependents in the Receiving State**

Dependents of employees of one Party assigned to official duty in the State of the other Party have a right to employment in the Receiving State in accordance to the procedure described in the Article 3.

## **Article 3**

### **Procedure for acceptance of the employment**

In the case of dependents who seek employment in the Receiving State the diplomatic mission of one Party must make an official request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (the Department of State). Upon verification that the person is a dependent of an employee assigned to official duty and processing of the official request, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (the Department of State) will inform the diplomatic mission that the dependent may accept employment.

## **Article 4**

### **Duties and limits of Immunities of dependents who obtain employment under this Agreement**

The dependents who obtain employment under this Agreement and who have immunity from the jurisdiction of the Receiving State in accordance with the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations or any other applicable international agreement between the Contracting Parties:

a) enjoy no immunity from civil and administrative jurisdiction with respect to matters arising out of such employment.

b) are liable for payment of income and social security taxes on any remuneration received as a result of employment in the Receiving State.

No. 689/05

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia and has the honor to respond to the Ministry's note No. 16/10683, concerning the employment of dependents of members of diplomatic missions, consular offices, and missions to international organizations in respective countries. The Government of the United States of America has the honor to agree to the terms attached to this note and to notify the Republic of Armenia that all necessary legal formalities for its entry into force have been completed.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America

Yerevan, December 30, 2005



**DIPLOMATIC NOTE**

## **AGREEMENT**

**between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and  
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**Article 5**  
**Termination of Employment**

The employment of the dependent is terminated 30 days after the date of termination of the service of the employee assigned to official duty.

**Article 6**  
**Dispute**

Any dispute between the Parties arising from the application and interpretation of this Agreement shall be settled through diplomatic channels by mutual consent.

**Article 7**  
**Entry into Force**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date when the Parties have notified each other that all necessary legal formalities for its entry into force have been completed. It may be amended upon the mutual written agreement of the Parties.

This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated by either Party upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other Party.