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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission, and wishes to advise them of an upgrade to the online parking ticket payment system for the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles (“DC DMV”) which will help facilitate payment of District of Columbia parking tickets issued to vehicles registered with the United States Department of State’s Office of Foreign Missions (“OFM”).

DC DMV recently added a feature to its ticket payment website (located at https://wmq.etimspayments.com/pbw/include/dc_parking/input.jsp?ticketType=P) enabling online search capability by *state and plate number* for OFM-registered vehicles using the “state” code, DP. Prior to this upgrade, OFM-registered vehicles with Department of State license plates could only be located in the DC DMV online ticket payment system by using the *ticket number* search function. As a result of this upgrade, foreign missions and their members may now use the *state and plate number* function to search and confirm payment of all District of Columbia tickets issued to their vehicles. When searching by plate number and “state”, mission members should select the code ‘DP’ for diplomatic plate from the available choices in the menu’s drop down function. A list of all parking tickets

associated with the vehicle will immediately follow once the search request has been submitted. In addition, the online *ticket number search* function is also still available to use if the ticket number is known.

The Department continues to expect missions and its members to act expeditiously with regard to the resolution (via either paying or contesting) of parking tickets issued to OFM-registered vehicles in the District of Columbia. DC DMV's latest upgrade of its online parking ticket system should significantly enhance the efficiency of this process. Please direct any questions concerning this new policy to OFM at OFMCustomerService@state.gov or (202) 895-3500.

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