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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and has the honor to provide the following information regarding the phase-out of the Department's endorsement of employment authorization requests for dependents of foreign government employees holding A-2 visas who are considered to be permanently resident in the United States for purposes of the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations (hereinafter "PA2 employees").

For new applications, the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) will consider applications **only** from dependents of PA2 employees who began or will begin employment between July 1 and December 31, 2015.

For renewal applications, OFM will consider applications **only** from a PA2 employee's dependents whose current employment authorization card expires on or before June 30, 2016.

Dependents meeting these criteria and whose applications had been rejected by OFM since September for the sole reason of being an A-2 visa holder who is permanently resident in the United States for purposes of the Vienna Conventions are invited to resubmit an application package. Dependents meeting these criteria may request only one approval.

All other information provided in the enclosed notice remains valid and in effect. Embassies are invited to direct questions to OFM-EAD@state.gov.

Enclosure:

Dependent work authorization notice published September 23, 2015.

Department of State,

Washington, November 18, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'JG' followed by a flourish.