

## **DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR RELATIONS**

### **Privileges and Immunities**

#### **Agreement Between the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and GREECE**

Signed at Washington March 28, 2017

Entered into force February 10, 2020



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966  
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC**  
**REGARDING**  
**CONSULAR PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES**

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Hellenic Republic (the "Parties")

Recognizing the important work performed by consular officers and consular employees;

Believing that enhanced protections for consular officers and consular employees and their family members will further strengthen the friendly relations between the United States of America and the Hellenic Republic;

Intending to enhance the protections enjoyed by consular posts, consular officers, consular employees and their family members; and

Reiterating that immunities are to ensure the efficient functioning of consular posts on behalf of their respective States and are not for the purpose of benefitting individuals.

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1**  
**Definitions**

For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings hereunder assigned to them:

The definitions provided in Article 1 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and Article 1 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations apply to this Agreement.

“Family member” means a member of the family of a consular officer or of a consular employee forming part of the household who has been notified as such to the receiving State in accordance with the practice of the receiving State.

## **Article 2**

### **Privileges and Immunities of Consular Officers**

Each Party shall extend to consular officers of the other Party the same privileges and immunities as those afforded to diplomatic agents under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

## **Article 3**

### **Privileges and Immunities of Consular Employees**

Each Party shall extend to consular employees of the other Party the same privileges and immunities as those afforded to members of the administrative and technical staff under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

## **Article 4**

### **Privileges and Immunities of a Family Member of a Consular Officer**

Each Party shall extend to the family members of a consular officer of the other Party the same privileges and immunities as those afforded to the members of the family of a diplomatic agent forming part of his or her household under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

## **Article 5**

### **Privileges and Immunities of a Family Member of a Consular Employee**

Each Party shall extend to the members of the family of a consular employee of the other Party the same privileges and immunities as those afforded to the members of the family of a member of the administrative and technical staff forming part of his or her household under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

**Article 6**  
**Consular Mission and Property**

The consular premises, their furnishings, the property of the consular post and its means of transport, shall enjoy the same protection as those of a diplomatic mission under Article 22 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

**Article 7**  
**Scope of Application**

The protections provided in this Agreement shall not apply to honorary consular officers, and to those individuals who are nationals of or permanently resident in the receiving State, nor to consular posts headed by honorary consular officers.

**Article 8**  
**Waivers**

The immunity from jurisdiction afforded under this Agreement may be waived by the sending State. Any such waiver must always be express. The initiation of proceedings by a person enjoying immunity from jurisdiction under this Agreement shall preclude him or her from invoking immunity from jurisdiction in respect of any counterclaim directly connected with the principal claims. Waiver of immunity from jurisdiction in respect of civil or administrative proceedings shall not be held to imply waiver of immunity in respect of the execution of the judgement for which a separate waiver shall be necessary.

**Article 9**  
**Relationship to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations**

Consistent with Article 73 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, this Agreement supplements and amplifies the provisions of that Convention.

Nothing in this Agreement shall affect other bilateral agreements related to consular privileges and immunities in force between the Parties.

**Article 10**  
**Amendment**

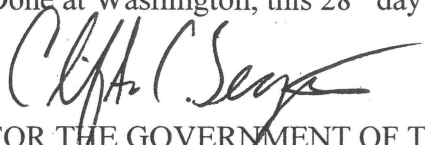
This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties.

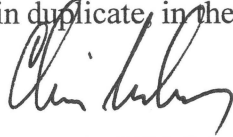
**Article 11**  
**Entry into force and termination**

This Agreement shall enter into force upon the date of written notification from the Government of the Hellenic Republic that it has completed all necessary internal procedures for the entry into force of this Agreement.

Either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to the other Party through diplomatic channels. Termination shall take effect one year following the date of such notification.

Done at Washington, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017, in duplicate, in the English language.

  
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

  
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
HELLENIC REPUBLIC: