UDENRIGSMINISTERIET

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NOTAT

GRÆKENLAND: Asylsag – Høring af græske myndigheder US mail af 18.2.2016

Udenrigsministeriet er af Udlændingestyrelsen anmodet om at indhente diverse oplysninger fra de græske myndigheder vedrørende græske opholdstilladelser.

Den danske ambassade i Athen har modtaget følgende svar fra de græske myndigheder på de af Udlændingestyrelsen stillede spørgsmål:

• Would it be possible for the applicant to get his/her residence permit issued at the Greek embassy in Denmark?

In accordance with current legal provisions, the claim for international protection has to be submitted by the applicant in person to the competent Regional Asylum Office or Asylum Unit. Similarly, the residence permit has also to be handed over to the beneficiary in person by the competent Regional Asylum Office or Asylum Unit.

• If not, would it be possible for the applicant to get his/her residence permit issued in Greece without his/her presence, but through a power of attorney?

In accordance with current legal provisions, the residence permit has to be picked up in person by the beneficiary, unless there are reasons of force majeure which preclude this. These reasons could include serious illness, disability or detention, and they have to be attested by a relevant certificate issued by a state authority.

• Where does the applicant have to apply to get his/her residence permit issued?

The interested party has to submit to the competent Regional Asylum Office or Asylum Unit an application for international protection. This application will be examined and, if successful, the applicant will be recognized as a beneficiary of international protection and will be issued with a residence permit which is valid for three years.

• Can the applicant enter Greece without his/her residence permit?

In order for a beneficiary of international protection to travel and to enter Greece, he or she needs to possess a travel document.

• What are the necessary procedures to get a residence permit issued? Does it require a passport, ID documentation or similar?

In order for a person to be issued with a residence permit, this person needs to be recognized beforehand as a beneficiary of international protection (refugee status or subsidiary protection status). It is noted that, in accordance with current law and for the procedures of examination of asylum claims, granting of the status of international protection and issuing of a residence permit, it is not necessary for the claimant to produce a passport or any other ID documentation provided he/she does not have such a document in their possession.

• Is there a deadline for collecting his/her residence permit after he/she is granted a residence permit on the basis on convention status or subsidiary protection? Is there a deadline for issuance?

There are no deadlines in either case.

• Finally, the Danish authorities would like information on the possibility of applying for family reunification for a person, who has been granted convention status or subsidiary protection?

Only the beneficiaries of refugee status may apply for family reunification.

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