

No. 492/06

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. 16/12856, concerning the *Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the United States of America on the Employment of Dependents of Employees Assigned to Official Duty in the Receiving State*. The Government of the United States of America has the honor to inform you that your diplomatic note was received on October 16, 2006, which is the date of entry into force of the above-mentioned document.

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, October 17, 2006





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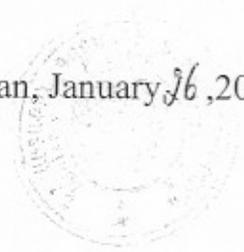
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in the Republic of Armenia and has the honour to confirm the terms attached to the Embassy's note No 689/05.

The Ministry's note No 16/10683 and the Embassy's note No 689/05 have constituted 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 Embassy of the United States of America in the Republic of Armenia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Yerevan, January 26, 2006



The Embassy of the
United States of America
Yerevan

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



AGREEMENT

**between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and
the Government of the United States of America 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 Armenian dependents: spouses; unmarried dependent children under 18 years of age and unmarried dependent children who are physically or mentally disabled.

b) in the case of American 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 post-secondary 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.

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.