

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
ESTABLISHING A MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

The Swiss Federal Council and the Government of the Republic of Serbia, hereinafter called "the Signatories"

RECALLING the agreements in force between the Signatories in the field of migration;

RECALLING the international multilateral instruments in the field of migration the Signatories are parties to;

DESIRING, on the basis of the principle of reciprocity, to deepen and expand their dialogue and co-operation in the field of migration, to identify opportunities offered therein and to find constructive solutions to the challenges of global migration;

Have reached understandings on a Migration Partnership as follows:

The Signatories will consider ways of establishing a regular and constant dialogue and a common reflecting process in order to enhance their cooperation in the field of migration, especially in the areas listed hereafter:

- Management of migration flows;
- Visa issues, consular and administrative matters;
- Readmission of nationals, stateless persons and of third-country nationals;
- Return assistance;
- Prevention of irregular migration;
- Fight against smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings;
- Co-operation in the field of education and training;
- Promotion of transfer of sentenced persons;
- Migration and socio-economic development;

- Diaspora relations;
- Integration;
- Capacity building in migration administration authorities;
- Other areas concerning the movement of populations between the Signatories' territories.

The Federal Department of Justice and Police, on behalf of the Swiss Federal Council, and the Ministry of Interior, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, oversee the implementation of the Migration Partnership described in the present Memorandum of Understanding, if necessary through the establishment of a mechanism for bilateral consultations.

The provisions of the present Memorandum of Understanding do not create any legal rights and obligations between the Signatories.

Done in duplicate in Belgrade, on 30.06.2009.

For the Swiss Federal Council

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