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DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS:

**HEAD OFFICE
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OPERATIONAL CENTRE
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS**

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & COOPERATION: CONSULAR SERVICES

IMMIGRATION DIRECTIVE NO 12 OF 2022

WITHDRAWAL OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICES DELEGATIONS AT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ABROAD

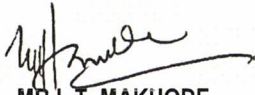
1. This Immigration Directive serves to inform Missions that the Immigration Services Delegations dated 12 January 2022 and the subsequent Amendment to those Delegations dated 7 February 2022 of which copies are attached is herewith withdrawn with immediate effect in so far as it pertains to Diplomatic Missions abroad.
2. Officials at Missions may be aware that the Department is constantly subjected to Investigative Commissions and public outcry regarding corruption, illegal migration and visas issued to undeserving individuals. In view hereof, the Department centralised the issuance of visas whilst hoping to introduce effective systems to ease the flow of applications. However, the economic needs of the country require immediate outcomes for the sustenance of companies and to mitigate against harming the economy. Furthermore, during the past eight months, applications were assessed at Head Office and delays in outcomes were experienced.
3. It is in view of the above that officials are advised to adopt a risk- based approach during the processing of visa applications. This Directive is accompanied by a checklist that you are required to consider when adjudicating applications. Additionally, there is a Reporting Document attached which must be completed for every visa issued and submitted to the relevant Regional Coordinator at Head Office, accompanied by daily statistics.

NO	DOCUMENT ATTACHED
1	Immigration Directive
2	Checklist related to applications
3	Reporting Template

4. Missions are reminded of the Directives addressing issuance of visas for frequent travellers and the conditions attached to it.

This Immigration Directive comes into effect on 1 September 2022 and should be strictly adhered to.

The contents of this Immigration Directive are for internal use and must be brought to the attention of all Immigration and Consular Officials.



MR L.T. MAKHODE

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 31 August 2022

This Directive follows Directive No. 11 of 2022 – Implementation of transit visa requirements for the holders of Diplomatic, Official and Ordinary Passport Holders of Pakistan and Bangladesh