

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATIONS**NO. 412****08 APRIL 2016**

It is hereby published for general information that the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation has, in terms of section 6(2) of the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act, 2001 (Act No. 37 of 2001), recognised the On-Site Inspection Regional Introductory Course 21 (RIC-21) of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, scheduled to take place in Arniston, Western Cape from 10 to 17 April 2016, for the purposes of granting the immunities and privileges as set out in the Schedule hereto.

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In accordance with the powers vested in me by section 6(2) of the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act, 2001 (Act No. 37 of 2001), I hereby recognize the On-Site Inspection Regional Introductory Course 21 (RIC-21) of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, scheduled to take place in Arniston, Western Cape from 10 to 17 April 2016.

In accordance with section 7(1) of the said Act, the immunities and privileges to be conferred to the Workshop is provided for in the Exchange of Letters between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization that took effect on 26 February 2016.



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Minister of International Relations and Cooperation

Date: 29/3/2016

1. The Commission and its officials and experts, as well as all participants and persons performing functions in connection with RIC-21 shall enjoy such privileges and immunities, facilities and courtesies as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions and their effective and full participation in RIC-21 in accordance with the 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, applied *mutatis mutandis*, provided that South African nationals or permanent residents shall not enjoy exemption for taxation.
2. The Government shall facilitate the temporary import and the re-export of the Commission's property required for RIC-21 and shall ensure the necessary tax and customs exemption for the Commission and its property, which property shall, subject to South African domestic law, be exempted from taxation, fees and duties, provided that such property shall be exported again after completion of the RIC-21, unless irreparably damaged or written off.
3. Where the laws and regulations of South Africa allow, visas and entry/exit permits, where required, shall be granted free of charge. Visas, entry permits, etc., shall be granted as quickly as possible as and ideally not later than seven days before the opening date of RIC-21. Where the laws and regulations of South Africa allow, arrangements shall also be made so that visas valid for the duration of RIC-21 are issued at their point of arrival to participants who were unable to obtain them prior to their arrival.
4. The Commission shall promptly inform the Government of all persons officially designated to attend and shall inform participants that they should apply for visas, if required, in good time before the opening date. The Government shall exercise its best efforts to issue visas promptly to allow all participants to attend. The Government, however, reserves the right to deny, irrespective of nationality, visas, entry permits, etc., to individual participants in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations of South Africa.
5. The Government shall be responsible for dealing with any action, claim or other demand against the Commission or its officials or experts arising out of:
 - (i) Injury or damage to persons or property on the conference or other premises and sites provided for RIC-21 by the Government;
 - (ii) The transportation provided for RIC-21 by the Government;
 - (iii) The employment for RIC-21 of personnel provided or arranged by the Government