Note No. 23147

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel presents its compliments to the Embassy of France in Israel, and has the honor to refer to the Embassy's Note, No. 449 of 24 September 2012 which reads as follows:

> The French Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to propose the following to them:
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> The French authorities shall give sympathetic consideration to requests from family members of agents from the diplomatic mission and consular posts, appointed to carry out an official mission in the receiving State, particularly the spouses and civil partners bound by a civil solidarity pact or its legal equivalent (a legal act concluded between two persons of the same sex or opposite sex), for the purposes of exercising a gainful occupation in the framework of existing French laws and regulations.
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> The French authorities shall endeavour to permit employment and not to use the local employment situation as a basis not to accept requests from dependants for gainful employment in France .
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> The French authorities retain the right to withhold authorization for employment in certain areas, such as if the employer is the receiving State or if the activity affects national security.
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> The French authorities shall allow persons authorized to work under a temporary renewable work authorization for the duration of the mission to France of the agent from the diplomatic mission or the consular post to retain their special residence permit issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
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> The exercise of a gainful occupation in that framework by the dependant shall be subject, for all questions relating to the exercise of that activity, to the laws and regulations

of the receiving State in civil, administrative, labour law, social protection and tax and customs matters without infringing, where relevant, the inviolability of his person or of his residence, in accordance with the diplomatic usage prevailing in this respect.

The dependant authorized to exercise a gainful occupation shall not enjoy, where relevant, immunity from civil and administrative jurisdiction, nor immunity from execution in the event of proceedings relating to that professional activity, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Vienna Conventions of 18 April 1961 on Diplomatic Relations and of 24 April 1963 on Consular Relations.

In the event that a dependant who is a member of the family of a French diplomatic or consular agent in gainful occupation in Israël has committed a criminal offence in connection with his professional activity, the French authorities shall endeavour, by all appropriate means, to act to the satisfaction of the authorities of Israël envisaging to initiate proceedings.

These proposals may be implemented immediately on receipt of your note verbale reply setting out equivalent arrangements.

The French Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to extend to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

The Ministry has the honor to inform the Embassy that these proposals are acceptable and that the Israeli Authorities will act in full reciprocity to the abovementioned.

The Israeli Authorities will start implementing these proposals immediately on the day of this Note.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of France in Israel of the assurances of its highest consideration.

Jerusalem, 16 October 2012

The Embassy of France in Israel