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CIRCULAR NOTE

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs present their compliments to the Diplomatic Missions, Consular Posts and International Organizations accredited to Helsinki and have the honour to inform them of the following concerning registration of diplomatic vehicles (vehicles with CD and C registration plates) in Finland.

There will be changes in vehicle registration as from 16 November 2015 when the Finnish Transport Safety Agency (Trafí) introduces electronic vehicle registration. Seller of a vehicle (either a private person or a car dealer) and the vehicle inspection stations (*katsastuskonttori*) can issue a buyer of a vehicle a safety code. The safety code can be used for electronic registration of ordinary vehicles and it replaces the written registration certificate. Due to this reform it is possible that also Missions and members of missions obtain a safety code instead of a written registration certificate when they acquire a vehicle in Finland.

However, the Protocol Services wish to point out that the electronic registration of vehicles does not concern the diplomatic registrations. Protocol Services will need a written registration certificate of each vehicle (both the technical section/*tekninen osa* and the notification section/*ilmoitusosa*) for diplomatic registrations (CD and C registrations) also in the future. This concerns both the first registration of such a vehicle and any subsequent changes in the ownership of a diplomatic vehicle. Missions and members of missions can obtain a written registration certificate either from the seller of the vehicle, the vehicle inspection stations, or from Trafí with a netbank access code.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Diplomatic Missions, Consular Posts and International Organizations accredited to Helsinki the assurance of their highest consideration.

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To
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