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CIRCULAR NOTE

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs present their compliments to the Diplomatic Missions, Consular Posts and International Organizations (the Missions) accredited to Helsinki and have the honour to inform them of the following changes in handling of residence permit applications by the Finnish authorities as of 1 January 2017.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Protocol Services, will continue to issue residence permits to foreign members of missions and their family members as currently. More information about the residence permits issued by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs is available on the web site of the Ministry at www.formin.finland.fi (in English → Services and financial support → for Diplomats → Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities in Finland, Section 1.4 Residence Permits).

From the beginning of 2017 the Finnish Immigration Service will accept other residence permit applications of foreign nationals, including EU registrations, instead of the local police. This concerns e.g. family members of members of missions who wish to engage in gainful employment as well as those family members who do not receive their residence permit from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

The address of the customer service point of the Finnish Immigration Service in the Metropolitan area is Käenkuja 3 aA, 00500 Helsinki.

More information about the application process and the opening hours of the service point will be published later on the web site of the Finnish Immigration Service at <http://www.migri.fi> (in English → Customer bulletins → How to submit your application to the Finnish Immigration Service).

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 assurances of their highest consideration.

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