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PRESS RELEASE

The Association of European Businesses Welcomes Simplification of the Migration Registration Procedure for Foreign Citizens in the Russian Federation

The Association of European Businesses welcomes simplification of the migration registration procedure for foreign citizens in the Russian Federation. We would like to express our gratitude to the RF Ministry of Economic Development and particularly, Deputy Ministers S. Voskresensky and A. Levistkaya, as well as the Department of Investment Policy and Public-Private Partnership, for organizing a discussion of the changes to the migration legislation with participation of all interested parties. The meeting resulted in introduction to the State Duma of the new Draft Law, which, among other things, provides for the possibility to carry out migration registration of the foreign citizens by their employers, as well as increasing the overall term for carrying out the registration from three to seven days.

The Association of European Businesses has promptly reacted to the emerged situation, having sent a letter to the President of the Russian Federation Dmitry Medvedev on behalf of the European business-community with a request to reconsider the procedure of migration registration, and now notes with deep satisfaction that the reaction of the Russian authorities was immediate and constructive. The new Federal Law was considered and ratified by the Federal Assembly of the RF within the shortest time and signed by the President of Russia on March 23, 2011. Earlier, in February 2011, the Association of European Businesses has expressed its concern regarding the changed procedure introduced by the Federal Law N385 from 23.12.2010 "On changes to some legislative acts of the Russian Federation", which came into force on February 15, 2011. According to this law, the employer could no longer act as the receiving side of the foreign citizen in the Russian Federation. The receiving side was exclusively defined as the side, where the foreign citizen lives; thus, the responsibility for migration registration was laid on the proprietors of the apartments where the foreign citizen stayed. As a result, in many cases the employers could not act as the receiving side and carry out the migration registration of their invited foreign specialists, at the same time the landlords, most of them being private persons, have been unprepared or unable for a variety of reasons to keep track of the tenants' travel and did not have a physical opportunity to duly execute the migration registration of the foreign citizen at every occasion the foreigner enters the country or travels to other regions of the Russian Federation. In practical terms, many foreign citizens would have failed to register in Russia on time as the landlords would have refused them registration or would have been unable to carry out the migration registration within the set timeframe.

Frank Schauff, the Chief Executive Officer of the Association of European Businesses, comments: "*We welcome the decision of the Russian leadership to reconsider the changes to the rules of migration registration of foreign citizens in the Russian Federation. We are ready to further actively participate in the work on improvement of investment climate in the Russian Federation and offer the expertise of European business for the enhancement of the Russian legislation*".

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