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Contact

Date 28 June 2021
Subject your memo regarding hardship clause 1.9 of LSR 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for the memo that you have sent on behalf of the mission council of the Embassy in Kabul. First of all, let me express my sincere appreciation for all the good work that you and your colleagues are doing every day, in these difficult and uncertain times in Afghanistan. We are lucky to have such a devoted team of Afghan colleagues working alongside our expatriate staff.

I have taken serious note of your request to apply the hardship clause article 1.9 of the LSR 2020 concerning the definition of family members and children. We are acutely aware of your concerns for your personal safety in relation to the developments in Afghanistan.

I can inform you that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Justice and Security, is seriously looking into the options that are available to provide security to you all as our locally employed staff in Afghanistan. I need to underline that for our ministry this is an unprecedented situation. The fact that we are on uncharted territory unfortunately also means that it takes time.

Your request has been included into this process and will be carefully considered. We are doing our best to provide more clarity to you and your colleagues as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Huijts
Secretary General

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