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DECISION

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Decision (via MFA)

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**SUBJECT : Greek Government Scholarships to foreign citizens
for the academic year 2014-2015 and for a summer seminar in
Greek Language and Culture 2014**

Having regard of :

A. The provisions by which the educational agreements between Greece and the below mentioned countries have been ratified :

1. Azerbaijan L.2712/99 (A'84)
2. Armenia L.2504/97 (A'117)
3. Belgium L.D. 3569/56 (A'223)
4. Bulgaria L.474/76 (A'306)
5. Estonia L.2988/02 (A'28)
6. Israel L.2267/.94 (A'227)

- 7.China L.931/79 (A'148)
- 8.Croatia L.2493/97 (A'84)
- 9.Cyprus Common Ministerial Decision F.0544/AS 510/M
5719 (A'301/13.12.2005)
10. Latvia L.2930/01 (A'143)
11. Mexico L.1492/84 (A'177)
12. South Korea L.D.502//70 (A'26)
13. Norway L.1018/80 (A'36)
14. Hungary L.898/79 (A'93)
15. Ukraine L.2751/99 (A'244)
16. Poland L.594/77 (A'101)
17. Romania L.2500/97 (A'101)
18. Serbia L.D.4003/59 (A'235)
19. Slovakia L.557/77 (A'76)
20. Slovenia L.2365/95 (A'255)
21. Turkey L.2929/2001 (A'142)
22. Czechia L.557/77 (A'76)

B. The Educational Executive Programmes that have been signed between Greece and the above mentioned Countries.

C. The Ministerial Cabinet Act no. 211/66 “about execution against the State Budget, of ministerial decisions, about educational exchanges in implementation of the official programmes concluded”.

D. The P.D. 321/31.12.1999 (Gov. Gaz. 306A') about the State Scholarship Institute Regulations.

E. The articles 1, 24, 25 of the L.D. 402/74 (A'141) “about ratification of the Vienna Convention dated 23.05.1969”.

WE HEREBY DECIDE

We call for the scholarships granted by the Ministry of Education and Religions to foreign citizens who wish to make undergraduate or postgraduate studies in Superior Educational Institutes of our

country or a research project in Superior Educational Institutes or Research Centers of our country, in the academic year 2014-2015 as well as a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture for the summer of the year 2014, as follows:

A. Scholarships granted per country :

1. Azerbaijan	Two (2) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture
2. Armenia	Two (2) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture
3. Belgium (French Community)	One (1) scholarship for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture
4. Bulgaria	a) One (1) scholarship for a full cycle of undergraduate or postgraduate studies b) One (1) scholarship for specialization or research, with term of 10 months c) Two (2) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture
5. Estonia	Two (2) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture
6. Israel	a) One (1) scholarship with term up to ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research. b) One (1) scholarship for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture
7. China	a) Three (3) scholarships for postgraduate

	<p>studies or for research, with term of 10 months each.</p> <p>b) Four (4) scholarships for learning the Greek Language with term of 10 months each.</p>
8. Croatia	<p>a) Ten (10) months of scholarship for postgraduate studies or up to ten (10) months for research.</p> <p>b) Two (2) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture.</p>
9. Cyprus	<p>a) One (1) scholarship with term up to ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research. This number also includes the new scholarship as well as any renewal of scholarship with priority to the second.</p> <p>b) One (1) scholarship with term up to ten months for postgraduate studies in a permanent teacher either from primary or from secondary education.</p>
10. Latvia	<p>a) One (1) scholarship with term up to ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research .</p> <p>b) One (1) scholarship for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture</p>
11. Mexico	<p>a) Ten (10) months of scholarship for postgraduate studies or research. The term of the scholarship may vary from five (5) to ten (10) months.</p> <p>b) Two (2) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and</p>

	Culture
12. Norway	One (1) scholarship for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture
13. South Korea	a) One (1) scholarship with term up to ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research.
14. Hungary	a) One (1) scholarship with term up to ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research b) Three (3) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture
15. Ukraine	One (1) scholarship for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture
16. Poland	a) Ten (10) months of scholarship for postgraduate studies or research. b) Two (2) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture
17. Romania	a) One (1) new scholarship for a full cycle of undergraduate studies with term of twelve (12) months. b) One (1) scholarship with term of ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research.
18. Serbia	a) Twenty (20) months for postgraduate studies or research that may be allocated to the candidates accordingly. The minimum term of a scholarship may be five (5) months and the maximum term ten (10) months.

	b) Five (5) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture.
19. Slovakia	a) Ten (10) months of scholarship for postgraduate studies or research. The term of each scholarship may be from five (5) to ten (10) months. b) Two (2) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture
20. Slovenia	a) One (1) scholarship with term up to ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research. b) One (1) scholarship for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture
21. Turkey	a) Two (2) scholarships for research with term up to ten (10) months each. b) One (1) scholarship for research with term up to ten (10) months that will be granted to a Graduate of the Department of Classical Studies, University of Constantinople. c) Two (2) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture and one (1) scholarship for the attendance of a summer seminar in the Greek Language and Culture, to a graduate of the Department of Classical Studies, University of Constantinople.
22. Czechia	a) Ten (10) months of scholarship for postgraduate studies or research. The term of

	<p>the scholarship may be from five (5) to ten (10) months.</p> <p>b) Two (2) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Culture</p>
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B) Financial Allowances for the undergraduate and postgraduate scholars

a) Monthly Allowance :

➤ **400 euro** for the scholars in undergraduate studies and

➤ **450 euro** for the scholars in postgraduate studies or research

b) A Lump Sum Allowance for settlement expenses :

➤ **500 euro** for those who will be settled in Athens

➤ **550 euro** for those who will be settled in the countryside

The scholars whose scholarship is being renewed are not entitled to such amount.

c) A Lump Sum Allowance of **€150** annually for the coverage of travelling expenses to the inland country for the postgraduate students or the researchers who are obliged to move out of the place of their residence in order to perform the approved by our Service **Research Programme** and on the condition there is a reasoned recommendation by the supervisor Professor.

d) Release of the tuition fees only for undergraduate studies.

e) It is explained that the scholars for postgraduate studies or research, in case they wish to attend also course of Greek Language, are not released of the tuition fees. Further, they must select the postgraduate programmes offered at no charge. In case their choice is not found among the free programmes, they will have to cover the tuition fees on their own.

f) Gratis medical treatment in case of emergency only at State Hospitals.

It is noted that the financial allowances may be altered in accordance to the financial-social circumstances of our country as well as that the scholars will have to produce to our service, a Tax Identification Number which they will receive from the Financial Authorities of Greece, up to one (1) month after their arrival. The food allowances are granted in cheques payable by the Bank of Greece and the scholars should be aware that their cheque for the first 2 months may be delayed up to 2 months after their arrival.

I. SCHOLARSHIP TERMS

1. General

The parties interested will have to address themselves to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Ministry of Education of their country of origin, which are the competent agencies for the collection of the candidates' applications for the Bilateral Educational Agreements, the selection of the proposed candidates and the promotion of these files to our service.

The proposals of each country, with the files of the proposed candidates, should reach our Service, the latest by April 30th, 2014. Nevertheless, it should be noted that each country determines by itself, the deadlines for the submission of the applications which do not coincide with the final deadline of the files' forwarding to Greece and the parties concerned have to address themselves to the services of their country in order to file the applications. All information kept by our service regarding the service of initial collection of applications abroad, may be searched for at the Website of the Ministry and the field related to the scholarships to aliens in the context of the Bilateral Educational Programmes.

Our service will notify the competent authorities, of the decision of the scholarships' approval of the nominated persons, the latest by

May 31st, 2014, for the summer seminars and by June 30th, 2014 for undergraduate and postgraduate studies (on the condition the candidates' files are complete).

The scholars who have been admitted will have, **right after their arrival to Greece, to present themselves to our Service**, so as the provision of their scholarship to start and –in case they live in the county- to notify about their arrival, their postal address and their phone number in Greece. **Furthermore, they must contact our Service by phone or via email (foitmer.y@minedu.gov.gr) at least one (1) month before their arrival and advise about the exact date of their arrival.**

We point out that the food allowance payment begins on the day the scholars present themselves to our Service and **not retrospectively**. Our Service **has every right to interrupt or not to renew the scholarship**, in the case the terms thereof are not fulfilled.

The grant of a scholarship simultaneously to persons receiving a scholarship from another public Greek carrier or/and from the European Union, is not allowed.

The candidates who have already received a scholarship from the Greek Government in the context of the Bilateral Educational Programme, are not entitled to apply for a new scholarship.

Age Limit

a) In case of undergraduate studies, admissible are candidates who were born after **1.1.1988**.

b) In case of postgraduate studies/research or summer seminar, admissible are candidates who were born after **01.01.1973**.

2. Terms of scholarships for postgraduate studies or research

These scholarships are addressed to graduates of Superior Educational Institutes who wish to perform postgraduate studies or research project at Greek Public Universities or Greek Research Centers.

In order to make a research, the scholars must have been registered in a doctorate or postgraduate programme in the country of their origin. In order to make a postgraduate or a doctorate programme in Greece, the scholars must start their studies at the same time with the beginning of the scholarship. It is noted that the medical residency is not included in such procedure.

The scholars can make use of the scholarship, **only for the period of the academic year which the scholarship is being granted for.**

The above scholarships are not allowed to be renewed for a period longer than one (1) year in case of postgraduate studies and two (2) years in case they concern award of a doctorate diploma.

The renewal of a scholars' scholarship is made upon request of the party concerned at his country, which is competent to propose for such renewal to our Service on time. A renewal application must be also filed to our service by the party concerned himself.

Each scholar is obligated, during the whole term of his scholarship, to be found in Greece and deal exclusively with the performance of the programme of studies he has filed for and which has been approved by our Service. He may be absent from our country only during the period of the official holidays or for a limited period of time for reasons of research, upon notification to our Service.

After the end of the scholarship, every scholar has to produce to our Service an analytical report about the studies or the research he has made as well as a certification by the supervisor professor, regarding his research.

The candidates for **postgraduate studies** in Greece will have :

- **To imperatively speak the Greek language (unless the postgraduate programme is being taught in English) and to have been admitted in a postgraduate programme of studies.**

The candidates for **research** will have to speak the Greek or the English or the French language to a satisfactory level.

Scholarship Terms for Undergraduate Studies

For the scholars who are going to make a full cycle of undergraduate studies in Greece, it is justified the grant of a scholarship, initially for one (1) academic year, in order to attend Greek language courses (in case they do not already hold a certificate of language knowledge). In case of failure in the examinations, the scholarship is interrupted. In case of success in the examinations, a scholarship is granted for a full cycle of undergraduate studies which will be renewed every year.

Every scholar is obliged, during the whole term of his scholarship, to be found in Greece and deal exclusively with the performance of the programme of studies he has applied for and which has been approved by our Service. Absence up to two (2) consecutive months (in the summer) is justified and, in case the scholar is absent for more than such term, he must notify our service about the reasons of his absence.

During the first year of his stay, the scholar is placed at a Department of a Superior Educational Institute, according to the preference list he has filled in at his scholarship application (*see a) Supportive documents for undergraduate studies*). The application stands as a solemn declaration. **Changing Departments is allowed**, by a new application of the scholar to our Country and only during the year of the Greek language' learning.

It is noted that, after the first year of successful attendance of the Greek language courses, the scholar files in person the necessary supportive documents for the enrolment in the Department of his choice and to this effect he must hold attested copies of all originals and translated supportive documents that he has filed to our Service.

A scholarship for undergraduate studies is granted for a period equal to the normal attendance as this is prescribed in the indicative

curriculum of the school. The scholar may apply for a renewal of his scholarship up to one (1) year in addition to the above mentioned period of time. The application may be filed from May until the end of June to our Service which also decides about the approval or the rejection of the renewal request, taking into mind the certificate of academic transcript that the scholar must have produced.

Our service grants a scholarship until the month of the oath ceremony in case the student completes his studies during the obligatory years of studies. In the cases the student exceeds the obligatory years, the scholarship is granted only until the date of completion of his obligation and not until his oath ceremony.

Every scholar student is obliged, after the end of each examination period, to file to our Service **an analytical certificate of studies (“academic transcript”) from which to conclude that he has passed a sufficient number of courses**, according to the Curriculum of the Department where he studies in. In case of non satisfactory progress **his scholarship will not be renewed**. In specific, as a satisfactory performance is meant the successful examination of **at least 70% of the prescribed by the Department’s or the School’s Curriculum, obligatory or elective courses**. The student is obliged to participate in all examination periods of his school if he owes courses.

4. Scholarships for the summer Seminars in Language and Culture

- a) The place and the time of the seminar will be notified by April 30th, 2014, by a newer document by us.
- b) The scholarship covers all expenses (tuition fees, residence, nutrition of the scholars, their participation in cultural events) except for their travelling expenses to and from the country which are undertaken by the scholars themselves or their country.

5. Supportive Documents

All supportive documents are submitted officially translated and attested in the Greek, French or English language in duplicate. In case of submission of false certificates, simple photocopies or non appropriately filled documents, the candidacy will be rejected with no relevant notification by our Service. Our Service returns the supportive documents to the candidate only upon the latter's request within a period of one (1) year as of the date of their submission.

a) SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

1.Application form (supplied by our Service) with ticked at least five (5) preferences among the Greek State Universities. The Superior Educational Institutes may be searched for at the site :

http://www.gunet.gr/02_en.php

2.One (1) photograph of identity type, attached to the application form of our Service.

3.Photocopy of Identity Card or Passport (for the countries out of the European Union)

4.Titles of Studies (at least title of graduation from a Secondary Education school).

5.Certificate of knowledge of the language(s) declared by the candidate as known.

6.Certificate by the Ministry of Education of the relevant country from which to conclude that the secondary education title held by the candidate, grants him the entitlement to enroll to Universities of such country.

7.Certificate about citizenship and origin of the scholar and his parents.

8.A recent certificate of health from which to conclude that the candidate does not suffer from any contagious disease (for the countries out of European Union).

9.A **solemn declaration (Model 1)** in which to be mentioned that the candidate does not intend to receive a scholarship from another agency of the Greek Government during the period of his scholarship term. In case of submission of false particulars, the scholarship will be revoked or interrupted and the scholar will be called to return the whole granted amount.

10. The aliens-allogeneic scholars must produce **a certificate of knowledge of the Greek language-if any-** in order to enroll directly to the 1st year of the school. Otherwise, they have to attend courses of Greek language for one 1 year, be successful in the examinations of language knowledge and enroll in the school of their preference for the following year.

11. The homogeneous scholars must produce **a certificate by the Greek diplomatic authority of the country of their residence that they did not reside in Greece and they lived abroad for five (5) years at least, before the academic year of their choice.**

It is noted that the scholars will have to keep attested copies of the supportive documents in order to file them by themselves at their enrolment in the University.

b) SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES OR RESEARCH

- 1.Application form (supplied by our Service)
- 2.Photocopy of Identity Card or Passport (for the countries out of the European Union)
- 3.One (1) photograph of identity type, attached to the application form of our Service.

4. Titles of Studies (Degree of a Superior School or a certificate in which to be mentioned the grade of the specific title)

5. Certificate of knowledge of the language(s) declared by the candidate as known.

6. Two (2) letters of reference.

7. A curriculum vitae

8. A recent certificate of health from which to conclude that the candidate does not suffer from any contagious disease (for the countries out of the European Union).

9. A **solemn declaration (Model 1)** in which to be mentioned that the candidate does not intend to receive a scholarship from another agency of the Greek Government during the period of his scholarship term as well as that he has read the scholarship call and agrees to the terms thereof. If the scholar has received in the past, another scholarship by the Greek Government, he must state the term of such scholarship as well as the agency which granted the same. In case of submission of false particulars, the scholarship will be revoked or interrupted and the scholar will be called to return the whole granted amount.

10. A certificate of admission by a State University of Greece when it concerns postgraduate studies and a **certificate of admission by a State Greek University or a Research-Educational Center (Model 2)** when it concerns a scientific research. **It is noted that electronic mail messages with no signature are not admissible.** In case this certification has not been sent to our service within the deadline set (July 31st, 2014) the candidate will not be admitted as a scholar, until he or his supervisor professor files the relevant document directly to our Service. **No admission of a scholar for postgraduate studies or research is made without such document, which should be sought by the person concerned himself. The Superior**

Educational Institutes may be searched for at the site :

http://www.gunet.gr/02_en.php

11. A certificate of attendance of postgraduate studies or a doctorate title by a university of the country of origin or for the scholarship (only for scholarship for research)

In case of renewal of the scholarship, it is not required the new submission of the above mentioned supportive documents, except for the certificate of admission(or continuation of studies/research) from a University of Greece or a Research-Educational Center. The candidate must file an application to our service as well as to the implementation agency of his country, the latest until the month of May each year.

c)SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE SUMMER SEMINAR OF GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

- Application form (supplied by our Service)
- Photocopy of Identity Card or Passport (for the countries out of the European Union)
- One (1) photograph of identity type, attached to the application form of our Service.
- Titles of Studies
- Curriculum Vitae
- A recent certificate of health from which to conclude that the candidate does not suffer from any contagious disease (for the countries out of the European Union).

6. Explanations

It is explained that, in case that in the period that mediates until the beginning of the academic year 2014-2015 (September 1st , 2014) a renewal of some educational programme is made, which would regulate in a different mode the grant of scholarships, our Service will decide per case, whether the provisions for the new educational

programme will be enforced as of the academic year 2014-2015 or the following academic year.

We assign the execution and implementation of this programme to the Directorate of Studies and Students' Welfare which is competent to solve any issue that might arise.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

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MODEL 1**SOLEMN DECLARATION**

-I, the undersigned..... hereby declare that I do not intend to receive a scholarship of another carrier of the Greek Government or the E.U. during the period of my scholarship. In case false particulars have been submitted, the scholarship will be revoked or interrupted and I will be called to return the whole granted amount.

-I have read the Scholarship's Call for the academic year 2014-15 and I agree with its terms.

-I have already received the scholarship from (Greek carriers only)..... amount..... duration.....

Place and date

Signature

- Please fill in all required fields
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MODEL 2

To the Ministry of Education and Religions
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I hereby certify that I will supervise the research project of the student....., Candidate Scholar of the Ministry of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religions with the topic : “.....” at the University School Department.....with duration.....

I know that the scholar will receive monthly nutrition fees 450 euro and that the scholarship does not cover tuition fees.

Place, Date

Supervisor’s Signature and seal for the authenticity of his/her signature

It is noted that (a) this model is indicative and the supervisor may choose his own form of certification, (b) the certification must be written in Greek and bear an original signature and seal.

*To be filled by your Supervisor in Greece

Exact translation of the Greek attached document.

Athens 31.01.2014 The translator THEODOSSIA KAPELONI