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mentioned in the Decision (via the

MFA)

**SUBJECT:** Scholarships of the Greek Government to foreign citizens for the academic year 2008-2009.

Having under consideration:

A. The provisions ratifying the cultural agreements between Greece and the below mentioned countries:

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Croatia L. 2493/97 (A' 84

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B. The cultural executive programs that were signed between Greece and the above mentioned countries.

C. ΠΥΣ No. 211/66 "regarding implementation against the state budget of ministerial decisions concerning cultural exchanges in application of the executed official programs".

D. Presidential Decree 321/31-12-99 (Official gazette 306 Α') concerning the By-Laws of the State Scholarship Foundation.

E. Articles 1, 24 and 25 of the D.L. 402/74 (Α' 141) "regarding ratification of the Convention of Vienna dated 23.5.69".

A. The Ministerial Decision No. 108009/ΣΤ5/1-10-2007 (official Gazette 1950 Β' /3-10-07) for "assignment of the right to sign by order of the Minister to the General Secretary of the Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs".

### We Decide

We fix the number of scholarships, granted by the Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs to foreign citizens, who wish to attend undergraduate or postgraduate studies at Universities of our country or a research project at Universities or Research Centres of our country during the academic year 2008-2009, as well as the summer seminars in Greek Language and Civilization for the summer of 2008, as follows:

### Scholarships granted per country

#### **CROATIA**

- a) Ten (10) months scholarship for postgraduate studies or up to ten (10) months for research.
- b) Two (2) scholarships for attendance of a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization.

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**B. Financial allowances to undergraduate and postgraduate scholars**

a) Monthly allowance:

- **500 Euros** for the scholars who attend undergraduate studies and
- **550 Euros** for the scholars who attend postgraduate studies or research.

a) Lump sum for installation expenses:

- **500 Euros** for those who shall settle in Athens and
- **550 Euros** for those who shall settle in the province.

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

a) A lump sum of **150 Euros** for the coverage of transportation expenses inside the country to those who are obliged to travel from their place of residence in order to carry out the approved by our Service **research program** and as long as there is a justified proposal by the supervising Professor.

b) Exemption from tuition fees. **It is clarified that the scholars for postgraduate studies or research, in case that they wish to attend also courses of Greek language are not exempted from the tuition fees.**

c) Free of charge medical care in case of emergency and only in Public Hospitals.

**C. Scholarship Terms**

**1. General**

The persons concerned **should address themselves to the authorities of their countries that are competent to collect the applications and to select the recommended candidates.**

The recommendations of the competent authorities of each country, together with the recommended candidates' files, should arrive to our Service until **31<sup>st</sup> March 2008** the latest possible.

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Our Service shall notify to the competent authorities the decision of approval of the scholarship for the recommended persons until **30<sup>th</sup> June 2008** the latest possible.

The candidates who were accepted, **as soon as they arrive in Greece, should immediately present themselves to our Service** in order for their scholarship to begin.

We emphasize that the payment of the allowances shall begin on the date when the candidates appear before of our Service and **not retrospectively**.

Our **Service has every right to interrupt or not to renew the scholarship** in case that its terms are not complied with.

## **2. Terms of scholarships for postgraduate studies or research**

These scholarships are meant for University graduates who wish to attend postgraduate studies or conduct a research project in Greek Universities or in Greek Research Centres of recognized level.

The scholars may use their scholarship **only for the period of the specific academic year for which the scholarship is granted**.

The above scholarships may not be renewed for a period longer than one (1) year for the same scholar, for postgraduate studies, and two (2) years when it is about the award of a PhD Degree.

The renewal of the scholarship of the already scholar is made upon application of the interested party to his country, which is competent to recommend the renewal for the said scholar to our Service in due time.

The renewal of the scholarship does not have as a result the increase of the total number of scholarships offered by Greece, as fixed by the cultural programs.

Each scholar shall be obliged, during his entire scholarship, to be in Greece and devote himself exclusively to the carrying out of the program of studies that he has submitted and was approved of by our Service.

After the end of the scholarship, every scholar shall submit to our Service a detailed report on his studies or the research that he conducted, as well as a certificate by the

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supervising professor concerning his research. **In the opposite case a refund of the scholarship money shall be demanded.**

The candidates for postgraduate studies in Greece should also:

- **without fail know the Greek language and have been accepted in a postgraduate program of studies.**
- **be informed on whether the Postgraduate Program that they have chosen to attend requires recognition of their degree in our country or not. In case that their degree is NOT included in the list of recognized degrees the candidates should address themselves to D.O.A.T.A.P. (Interuniversity Centre for Recognition of Foreign Certificates of Studies, No. 54 Aghiou**

**Konstantinou Str., 104 37 – Athens) for its recognition, so as to be accepted in the Postgraduate Program each time.**

The candidates for **research** should know in a satisfactory degree the Greek or the English or the French language. The term “research” includes also the carrying out of a doctoral or post-doctoral thesis, and also every other form of scientific research **apart from** the medical education.

### **3. Terms of scholarships for undergraduate studies**

For the scholars who are about to attend a full course of undergraduate studies in Greece it is justified the granting of scholarship for one (1) academic year initially, in order to attend courses of Greek language, and to be prepared for the final exams of language learning, **which they have to successfully pass**. In case of failure in the exams, the scholarship is interrupted automatically and the scholar **is obliged to return to his country of origin**. In case of successful examinations, a scholarship for a full course of undergraduate studies is granted **renewed annually**.

During the first year of his/her stay here the scholar is placed at a Department of a Greek University or TEI (Technological Educational Institution), according to the list of preference he/she has filled in, in his application of scholarship (see a) Supporting documents for undergraduate studies). The application is equivalent to a solemn

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declaration. **Therefore no change of Department is allowed** by a new application of the scholar during the period of his/her studies, unless particularly serious reasons occur and if these reasons are ratified by a relevant document of the competent services of the sending part.

A scholarship for a full course of undergraduate studies shall be granted for a period of time equal to that required according to the program of studies of the school of attendance, **as minimum duration for the award of the degree.** The scholar has the potentiality to apply for extension of his scholarship and beyond the provided time limit of attendance, **but not for a period of time more than one-half of the minimum duration for a degree to be awarded.** The application is filed annually from May till the end of June directly to our Service, which decides for the approval or dismissal of the application for renewal.

Each scholar student, is obliged to file until **30<sup>th</sup> April 2008** to our Service **a detailed certificate of studies (“transcript”) from which to ensue that the student has passed a sufficient number of courses,** in accordance with the program of studies of the department that he/she attends. In case of non-satisfactory progress **his scholarship shall not be renewed.** More particularly, as satisfactory performance is meant the successful examination **of the 50% minimum compulsory or elective subjects required by the detailed program of Studies of the Department or of the School of Attendance.**

#### **4. Scholarships for summer seminars in Language and Civilization**

- a. The place and time of the seminar shall be notified until **28<sup>th</sup> February 2008** by a new document of ours.
- b. The scholarship shall cover all the expenses (for tuition fees, accommodation, boarding of the scholars, as well as their participation in cultural events), except for traveling expenses to and from the country. These expenses shall be paid to the organizers of the seminar directly by the State Scholarship Foundation.

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**5. Supporting Documents****a) SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

- **Application** (relevant form of our Service) with marked five (5) at least preferences of particular Departments of universities or of TEI (Technological Educational Institutions).
- **One (1) photo of identity card type**, affixed on an application of our Service.
- **A photocopy of ID Card or passport**
- **Certificates of studies** (At least a Certificate of graduation from a Secondary Education School)
- **A certificate of knowledge of the language or of the languages** that the candidate declares that he is aware of.
- **Certificate from the Ministry of Education of the relevant country** from which to ensue that the Certificate of Secondary Education the candidate holds, grants him the ability to enter a University of such country.
- **Curriculum vitae**
- **A recent health certificate** from which to ensue that the candidate does not suffer from a contagious disease.
- **A solemn declaration**, which should mention that the candidate does not intend to receive a scholarship of another carrier of the Greek Government during the period of his scholarship. In case that, false

particulars have been submitted, the scholarship will be revoked or interrupted and the scholar will be called to return the whole granted amount.

**All the supporting documents shall be submitted officially translated in Greek or English, in three (3) copies. In case that false, forged or not sufficiently filled in supporting documents particulars have been submitted, the scholarship will be dismissed.**

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a) **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES**

- **Application** (relevant form of our Service)
- **A photocopy of ID Card or passport**
- **One (1) photo of identity card type**, affixed on an application of our Service.
- **Certificates of studies** (University degree or certificate in which the grade of the specific degree should be mentioned).
- **Certificate of knowledge of the language or of the languages** that the candidate states that he knows.
- **Two (2) letters of recommendation**
- **Curriculum vitae**
- **A recent health certificate** from which to ensue that the candidate does not suffer from a contagious disease.
- **The program that the candidate wishes to attend** in a specific subject, when it is about a research.
- **A solemn declaration**, which should mention that the candidate does not intend to receive a scholarship of another carrier of the Greek

Government during the period of his scholarship. In case that, false particulars have been submitted, the scholarship will be revoked or interrupted and the scholar will be called to return the whole granted amount.

- **A certificate of acceptance by a Greek University** when it is about postgraduate studies and **a certificate of acceptance by a Greek University or Research Educational Centre**, when it is about a scientific research. In case that such certificate has not been sent to our Service within the prescribed term (31<sup>st</sup> March 2008) the candidates shall have the possibility to submit it within two (2) months from the above mentioned date (until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008).

In case of renewal of the scholarship, it is not required the submission again of the above mentioned supporting documents, except for the certificate of acceptance (or

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continuation of studies/research) by a Greek University or a Research Educational Center.

**All the supporting documents shall be submitted officially translated into Greek or English, in three (3) copies. In case that false, forged or not sufficiently filled in supporting documents particulars have been submitted, the scholarship will be dismissed.**

**c) SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE SUMMER SEMINAR IN GREEK LANGUAGE AND CIVILIZATION**

- **Application** (relevant form of our Service)
- **A photocopy of ID Card or passport**
- **One (1) photo of identity card type**, affixed on an application of our Service.
- **Certificate of knowledge of the language or of the languages** that the candidate states that he knows.
- **Certificates of studies**
- **Curriculum vitae**
- **A recent health certificate** from which to ensue that the candidate does not suffer from a contagious disease.
- **A certificate of birth.**

**All the supporting documents shall be submitted officially translated in Greek or English, in three (3) copies. In case that false, forged or not sufficiently filled in supporting documents particulars have been submitted, the scholarship will be dismissed.**

## 6. CLARIFICATIONS

It is clarified that in case that during the period until the beginning of the academic year 2008-2009 (1<sup>st</sup> September 2008) a cultural program is renewed which regulates in a different way the granting of scholarships, our Service will decide according to each case if those determined in the new cultural program will start to be valid as of the academic year 2008-2009 or from the next academic year.

We assign the execution and implementation of this program to the Directorate of Studies and Students' Welfare, Department of Students' Welfare, which is competent for the solving of any issue that will per chance arise.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY

DIMITRIS PLATIS

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Translation from the attached Greek original.

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