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NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII.4 OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES

The following notification has been received from the government of Brazil.

1. Member notifying:

Brazil

2. Notification under:

Article VII.4 of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (recognition of diplomas).

In Brazil, the recognition of studies, titles, certificates and diplomas issued by schools of other countries is ruled by Resolution No. 4, of 7 July 1980, of the Federal Education Council - in the case of diplomas corresponding to education up to high school - and by Resolution No. 3, of 10 July 1980, from the same council, in the case of revalidation of titles and studies related to university graduation and post-graduation courses.

3. Date of entry into force:

- Agreement on Cultural and Scientific Cooperation between Brazil and Angola.
Signature: 11 June 1980
- Agreement on Cultural Cooperation between Brazil and Cape Vert.
Signature: 7 February 1979
- Agreement on Cultural and Scientific Cooperation between Brazil and Chile.
Entry into force: 14 December 1978
- Agreement on Cultural and Educational Cooperation between Brazil and China.
Published in the Diário Oficial (Official Journal) of 22 April 1988
- Agreement on Cultural Exchange between Brazil and Colombia.
Signature: 20 April 1963
Published in the Diário Oficial (Official Journal) of 13 September 1974

- Agreement on Cultural, Educational, Scientific and Technical Cooperation between Brazil and Congo.
Signature: 7 June 1982
- Agreement on Cultural Exchange between Brazil and Costa Rica.
Signature: 19 November 1964
Published in the Diário Oficial (Official Journal) of 26 October 1966
- Agreement on Cultural and Educational Cooperation between Brazil and Ecuador.
Signature: 26 October 1989
Published in the Diário Oficial (Official Journal) of 13 September 1995
- Cultural Agreement between Brazil and France.
Signature: 6 December 1948.
Published in the Diário Oficial (Official Journal) of 11 October 1950
- Agreement on Cultural Exchange between Brazil and Guatemala.
Signature: 26 March 1969
- Agreement on Cultural Exchange between Brazil and Haiti.
Signature: 10 April 1984
- Cultural Agreement between Brazil and Morocco.
Signature: 10 April 1984
- Cultural Agreement between Brazil and Panama.
Signature: 6 March 1944
Published in the Diário Oficial (Official Journal) of 15 May 1947
- Agreement on Cultural Exchange between Brazil and Peru.
Signature: 14 July 1973
- Cultural Agreement between Brazil and Portugal.
Signature: 7 September 1968
Published in the Diário Oficial (Official Journal) of 7 May 1969
- Cultural Agreement between Brazil and Suriname.
Signature: 22 July 1976
Published in the Diário Oficial (Official Journal) of 18 October 1977
- Cultural Agreement between Brazil and Trinidad Tobago.
Signature: 9 November 1971
- Agreement on Cultural and Educational Cooperation between Brazil and Turkey.
Signature: 10 April 1995
- Cultural Agreement between Brazil and Venezuela.
Signature: 7 November 1979

At last, it is worth mentioning that there have been signed two agreements about recognition within MERCOSUR countries:

- Protocol on Educational Integration, Revalidation of diploma, certificates, titles and Recognition of studies of medium technical level.
Signature: 28 July 1995
- Protocol on Educational Integration for University Post-Graduation Studies.
Signature: 30 November 1995

4. Agency responsible for enforcement of the measure:

According to the pertinent Brazilian legislation, and because of the university autonomy guaranteed by Article 207 of the Federal Constitution, the revalidation of diplomas or certificates of higher education shall be solicited by the interested party to any Brazilian higher education institution duly recognized by Ministry of Education which teaches similar or like courses. The recognition process is done directly by the institution identified by the interested party, by means of a request that shall include a copy of the diploma and an official document of the foreign university with data about the course. Such documents must be authenticated by a Brazilian consular authority and submitted with an official translation. The process is then analyzed by a commission of specialists from the higher education institution chosen, which will decide on recognition or not of the submitted diploma.

5. Description of measures:

Although the recognition process of foreign diplomas referred to in section 2 above is facilitated by cultural and educational agreements with other countries (section 3), it is necessary to highlight that such agreements do not imply the dispensing of the recognition process referred to in section 4 above or the automatic recognition of diplomas.

6. Members specifically affected:

The signatory countries mentioned in section 3 are: Angola, Cape Vert, Chile, People's Republic of China, Colombia, People's Republic of Congo, Costa Rica, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Morocco, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Venezuela, as well as MERCOSUR countries (Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay).

7. Texts available from:

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