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The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic presents its compliments to all Diplomatic Missions and Consular Offices accredited to the Slovak Republic and has the honour to inform as follows:

Third country national coming from a country affected by the virus disease COVID-19 who cannot return to their country of origin will be subject to the following procedures:

In case a third country national is subject to visa requirement and is staying on the territory of the Slovak Republic on the basis of a Schengen visa with the length of permitted stay of less than 90 days, they may apply for visa extension due to humanitarian reasons. Third country national shall apply for extension of the Schengen visa in person at the local Foreign Police Department according to the place of registered residence in the Slovak Republic. The length of permitted stay cannot exceed 90 days in total.

If a third country national staying in the Slovak Republic has already made use of a 90-day Schengen visa or visa free stay, they must turn to the respective Foreign Police Department. The police will issue an administrative expulsion decision without imposing a penalty of entry ban. The administrative expulsion decision will allow for a 30-day period within which the third country national is obliged to leave the territory of the Slovak Republic.

If the third country national is still unable to leave within this period because of existing risk situation in the country of origin, from the point of view of potential threat to public health, they may apply for the extension of this period at the respective Foreign Police Department, pursuant to the Act No. 404/2011 Coll. on Residence of Foreigners. The application must be submitted no later than on the last day of the original 30-day time period. The deadline to leave the country may be extended up to 6 months or more, taking into account the situation in the country of origin and the position of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic.

Any further questions will be dealt by the respective Foreign Police Department.

The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic Missions and Consular Offices accredited to the Slovak Republic the assurances of its highest consideration. *B.*

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