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VERBAL NOTE

The Embassy of Italy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey and has the honour to communicate the following information.

For the period from 1st August 2008 until 31st January 2009, Italy has obtained by the European Council and the European Commission a transit facility through the EU Members Schengen to foreign nationals to travel from Italy or to Italy while they are waiting for the extension of their resident permit for all types of visa. This facility will only apply on the condition that such foreign nationals show the following documents at the land, sea and air frontiers:

1. the receipt of the application for the extension of their residence permit, issued by the Italian Post Office SPA;
2. a valid passport or the equivalent identity document;
3. the original expired resident permit.

A similar facility for the same period applies to foreign nationals awaiting the issue of their first resident permit for work, self-employment or family reunion, under the following conditions:

1. any return journey between Italy and Turkey does not involve transit through a Schengen country;
2. the exit and re-entry takes place through the same entry point;
3. the person involved presents a valid passport or equivalent identity document, the aforementioned receipt, the original expired resident permit and the entry visa from which it is possible to infer the reason of his/her stay.
4. the passport control officer puts an exit stamp both into the passport and on the receipt issued by the Post Office.

The Embassy of Italy avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey the assurance of its highest consideration.

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