ARTICLE 5

The creation of the Commission shall not replace or preclude any other means of communication and consideration of consular cases between the Parties.

ARTICLE 6

The creation of the Commission shall not preclude the resolution of consular cases, including those involving personal status matters, through other means.

ARTICLE 7

Either Party may present to the Commission consular cases which it is competent to consider. These cases will be presented through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 8

The Commission shall meet at the request of either Party, on the date arrived at by common agreement and at least once per year.

ARTICLE 9

The conclusions of the Commission are to be put on record in writing; it shall ensure the confidentiality of information regarding the cases considered.

ARTICLE 10

The Parties shall provide a translation into an official language of the other Party of all written communications pursuant to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 11

The Commission shall prepare a report on the operation of this Agreement and transmit it to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to the Ministry of Justice for the Lebanese Republic and to the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade for Canada.

ARTICLE 12

The Parties shall consult each other with a view to resolving problems concerning the interpretation or application of the present Agreement.

ARTICLE 13

No provision in this Agreement shall limit or otherwise affect the rights and obligations of either Party arising from other conventions, and in particular the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

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