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The French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs – Protocol – presents its compliments to the diplomatic missions accredited in France, the international organizations headquartered or having an office in France, and the permanent delegations and representations to these international organizations, and has the honour to inform them of the following:

In order to curb the COVID-19 epidemic, the Government has taken measures limiting movement in French territory and administrative services for the public since mid-March 2020. This health emergency has prevented foreign nationals holding a common law residence document that expired during this period from completing its renewal procedure.

Therefore, in order to avoid any breach of rights, the validity of the following residence documents, which have expired between 16 March and 15 June 2020, is being extended six months:

- Long-stay visas,
- Residence permits,
- Receipts for residence permit requests,
- Temporary residence permits.

Social rights and the right to work are also maintained for this extended period. This extension is automatic and no administrative steps need to be taken to benefit from it.

For example, foreign nationals holding a residence permit that expired on 1 May 2020 may legally reside in France until 1 November 2020. Foreign nationals should then make an appointment at the prefecture to renew their permit in the two months prior to the new expiration date (in other words, from 1 September 2020).

Diplomatic and consular missions accredited in France are asked to recognize that these permits remain valid during this extended period, under French law, and not to ask the holders to take administrative steps at prefectures until their new expiration date approaches.

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Also, to help permit holders exercise their rights or facilitate the crossing of borders, the Ministry of the Interior has published general information certificates that can be presented to French or foreign authorities (these certificates are available online at <https://www.immigration.interieur.gouv.fr/Immigration/Information-generale-sur-la-prolongation-des-documents-de-sejour-General-information-on-the-extension-of-residency-documents>).

It is important to note that special residence permits and D "carte PROMAE" visas are also being extended for six months as stated in the circular note verbale 2020-161201 of 24 March 2020 and that of 2020-198396 of 11 May 2020.

The French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs – Protocol – avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the diplomatic missions accredited in France, international organizations headquartered or having an office in France, and permanent delegations and representations to international organizations, the assurances of its high consideration.

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