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Dr Pakishe Aaron Motsoaledi  
Minister of Home Affairs

**REQUEST TO CONSIDER VALIDITY EXTENSION OF PASSPORTS OF EXPATRIATE SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENS OVERSEAS**

Dear Minister,

Several incidents have been brought to my attention where South African expatriate citizens overseas are unable to apply for passport renewals due to the closure of a mission or have been waiting an excessive amount of time for their passport applications to be processed, for example since August 2019.

They do not require the passports to return to South Africa under lockdown but rather to retain or extend the validity of their work and temporary residence visas. When the passport expires so does the visa.

Pakistan have implemented a system whereby expired passports were automatically extended for a certain period and whereby passports can also be extended manually for a period of one year at the Pakistani consulates and embassies for a small fee.

The Egyptian Government have also implemented an automatic validity extension and a system of stamping a validity extension in to passports of their nationals at their missions overseas.

This does not solve the problem of new-borns requiring passports but at least assists South Africans working overseas who would be able to retain their work and temporary residence visas and this would ease the pressure on passport processing services at the Home Affairs back office.

Sincerely,



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