

NORMATIVE RESOLUTION n° 17 of 20 September 2013

In accordance with Law n° 6.815 from 19 August 1980 and Decree n° 86.715 from 10 December 1981, provides the appropriate visa to persons forcibly displaced by the armed conflict in the Arab Republic of Syria.

The National Committee for Refugees – CONARE, from its attributions under article 12 (V) of Law n° 9.474 of 22 July 1997, and considering the deliberation from its plenary session of 20 September 2013,

Considering the historical ties between the Arab Republic of Syria and the Federal Republic of Brazil, where many descendants from Syrians live in,

Considering the humanitarian crisis of great proportions resultant from the ongoing conflict in the Arab Republic of Syria,

Considering the high number of refugees engendered from the conflict since its beginning,

Considering the high levels of asylum seekers affected by that conflict that are currently in the Brazilian territory,

Considering the difficulties that have been registered by these individuals to reach the Brazilian territory in order to seek asylum, including the impossibility to fulfill the generally required requisites for visas,

Considering the exceptional present circumstances and the humanitarian need to facilitate the displacement of those individuals to the Brazilian territory in order to provide them access to asylum,

Decides that:

Article 1 – For humanitarian purposes and in conformity with Law n° 6.815 from 19 August 1980 and Decree n° 86.715 from 10 December 1981, the appropriate visa can be granted to individuals affected by the armed conflict in the Arab Republic of Syria that express willingness to seek asylum in Brazil.

Single Paragraph: For the effects of this Normative Resolution, humanitarian purposes are considered that resultant from the deterioration of living conditions suffered by the population in the Syrian territory or in its bordering areas as a result of the armed conflict in the Arab Republic of Syria.

Article 2 – The visa specified under this Normative Resolution has special character and will be issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Article 3 – This Normative Resolution shall remain in force for 2 (two) years and may be extended.

Article 4 – This Normative Resolution shall be effective from the date of its publication.

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