## REPUBLIC OF TURKEY COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION

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Subject: Document Completion Procedures for International Students

## TO ALL UNIVERSITIES

Ref.: Our Letter dated 01.04.2021, no. E-75850160-301.02.01-25143.

Due to the facts that there have been no changes for the better in the progression of the Global Pandemic throughout the additional period to last on May 14, 2021 for students unable to finalize the high school equivalence transactions on the grounds that they have been unable to deliver their original high school diplomas, and therefore their high school equivalence documents, to the higher education institution to which they have registered since they have been unable to visit Turkey as per the Council of Higher Education Executive Board Resolution dated 31.03.2021; and that the restrictions on international flights continue; the possibility regarding the exmatriculation of a majority of such students due to their inability to deliver the required documents in question was considered.

In this regard, the Council of Higher Education has resolved on April 21, 2021, that in the event where the students having been unable to deliver their original high school diplomas signed in wet ink, and their high school equivalence documentation, to the higher education institutions of their registration deliver their original high school diplomas signed in wet ink to the Consulate/ Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in their country by May 14, 2021 the latest; their registration window shall remain open until they deliver their diplomas to the higher education institution of their registration. As per the resolution in question, the students failing to deliver their documents to a Turkish foreign mission by the aforementioned date shall be exmatriculated.

Our Letter dated 22.04.2021 no. 31245 on the requirements for efforts towards informing our foreign missions that assistance for such requests shall be provided; that only original high school diplomas signed in wet ink shall be received; that our foreign missions are to maintain the records of the receiving higher education institutions in Turkey; that such documents are to be delivered as soon as possible via diplomatic couriers; as well as the conveyance of the list of students having delivered their high school diplomas and the relevant receiving higher education institutions to our Board has been submitted for approval, to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

I hereby urge your University to act towards contacting such students to have them deliver their original high school diplomas to the Consulate/ Embassy of the Republic of Turkey from where such documents are to be delivered to your university via diplomatic couriers.

Prof. Dr. Rahmi ER On behalf of the Chairperson