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REGARDING GRANTAS ARTHURAS GOCHINAS'S (GRANT ARTHUR GOCHIN'S) AND BRYCE'AS GOCHINAS-LYONAS'S (BRYCE GOCHIN-LYON'S) DOCUMENTS

The Division on Citizenship Matters of the Migration Department under the Ministry of the Interior is reviewing your and your son Bryce's Gochinas-Lyonas's (Bryce Gochin-Lyon's), born on February 15, 2001, documents for restoration of Republic of Lithuania citizenship.

We inform you that the documents which you submitted confirm your grandfather Samuilis (Samuelis) Gochinas's (B.Gochin-Lyon's great grandfather's), born on February 15, 1902 having had Lithuanian citizenship prior to June 15, 1940 but they are insufficient to make a decision for the restoration of Republic of Lithuania citizenship because they do not indicate the circumstances by reason of which your grandfather S.Gochinas left Lithuania prior to March 11, 1990.

We draw your attention to the fact that Republic of Lithuania citizenship, when retaining the citizenship of another state, can be restored only to an individual who withdrew from Lithuania for historical, political reasons, resistance to an occupational regime (or to the descendant of such an individual).

We also draw your attention to the fact that based on the Constitutional Court's clarifications regarding the granting of dual citizenship only in extremely rare cases, and the practice of Lithuania's administrative courts in clarifying the concept of an individual withdrawing from Lithuania prior to March 11, 1990, without giving up the citizenship of another state, Republic of Lithuania citizenship can be restored only to individuals who withdrew from Lithuania for special reasons that are to be linked to the period of occupation, historical, political motives, that is, for reasons which establish grounds for the withdrawal from Lithuania to be judged an exceptional case (or to the descendants of such individuals).

Only upon specifying the abovementioned circumstances and, if possible, submitting documents which subtantiate that, can the matter of restoring you and your son B.Gochinas-Lyonas's Republic of Lithuania citizenship be considered, according to Republic of Lithuania citizenship law article 7 paragraph 4 and article 9, respectively as an individual's, who until June 15, 1940 having had Republic of Lithuania citizenship and *having withdrawn* from Lithuania until March 11, 1990, grandchild or greatgrandchild.

We draw your attention to the fact that according to Republic of Lithuania citizenship law article 7 paragraph 4 a Republic of Lithuania citizen can also be a citizen of another state if he is the descendant of an individual exiled from the occupied Republic of Lithuania prior to March 11, 1990.

If you cannot submit at least one of these documents (regarding withdrawal from Lithuania prior to March 11, 1990 or exile) then the restoration of you and your son's Republic of Lithuania citizenship can be decided by Republic of Lithuania citizenship law article 9 as an individual having had Republic of Lithuania citizenship prior to June 15, 1940, and analogously their grandchild or greatgrandchild, only upon renouncing existing United States of America citizenship and South African citizenship and submitting documents confirming that.

We inform you that based on article 21 of the description of the procedure for preparing documents for Republic of Lithuania citizenship as confirmed by the Republic of Lithuania Republic of Lithuania Government's decision Nr.280 of April 3, 2013 the deliberation on your request as to restoration of Republic of Lithuania citizenship and your request as to restoration of your son's Republic of Lithuania citizenship is halted and will be continued on the day additional documents are received in the Migration Department in the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

In addition, clarify, whether you and your son have or have not acquired Israeli citizenship. If you have received this state's citizenship, submit documents confirming this.

We clarify that if in submitting the abovementioned documents you or your son should receive a new document of personal identification and confirming citizenship, please submit as well a copy of this document.

In addition, we note that according to Citizenship law article 22 paragraphs 1 and 2 Republic of Lithuania citizenship is not restored if an individual prepared or intended to commit or commited international crimes - agression, genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes or prepared or intended to commit or committed such criminal actions against the Republic of Lithuania.

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