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Note

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to all the diplomatic corps and the representatives of the international organizations in Iran, and hereby informs them of the following:

Considering the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) and the ensuing problems in border crossing and air travel in some countries leading to travelers and foreign nationals being stranded, we hereby announce the latest decisions taken by the Immigration and Passport Police of the Islamic Republic of Iran in order to facilitate the stay of foreign nationals currently staying in Iran.

- The foreign nationals who have legally travelled to Iran with a valid visa or entered under visa waver program and the expiration dates of their visas fall in a period starting from **Thursday, February 20, 2020**, can resume their stay in Iran until **Thursday, May 21, 2020**, without being required to visit the Immigration and Passport Police offices in Iran. These individuals can exit Iran through official ports of entry and will not have to pay overstay fines. It is worth noting that the eligible individuals are only required to pay the visa extension fee at ports of entry.
- The foreign nationals whose stay permits are valid until the end of *Esfand* [the twelfth month in the Iranian calendar] (**Thursday, March 19, 2020**) are not required to extend their permits for the period starting from the expiration of their valid permits until **Thursday, May 21, 2020**. The foreign nationals, after the given date, have to visit the offices of the Immigration and Passport Police in order to have the conditions and circumstances of their stay in Iran assessed and evaluated.

- The foreign nationals staying with valid study permits in Iran who intend to exit the country can directly go to the ports of entry and after paying the necessary fee, receive an exit permit and leave Iran.
- The foreign nationals staying with valid work permits in Iran who intend to exit the country have to submit a letter of tax settlement issued by the relevant authorities to the Immigration and Passport Police.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.