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Revision of the Agreement on the Free Movement of Persons

Dear Mr Grippa,

On 20th June 2014, the Federal Council approved the concept for the implementation of Article 121a of the Federal Constitution, which aims at the introduction of a new admission system based on quantitative limits and quotas, combined with a preference for nationals. After an in-depth analysis, it came to the conclusion that there is a conflict between the new constitutional requirements and the Agreement on the Free Movement of Persons, namely its articles relating to the principle of non-discrimination (including national priority), the stand still clause, and the right to stay.

Therefore, as already announced at the Joint Committee meeting of 12th June 2014, I confirm Switzerland's request to revise the Agreement, in accordance with its article 18.

In order to keep our constitutional mandate, which gives us a three-year limit to renegotiate agreements that conflict with Article 121a, I would appreciate if we could meet at your earliest convenience to exchange views on the matter and to discuss possible next steps.

Yours sincerely

Federal Office for Migration



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