

11.10.2024, Warsaw**Resolution of the Coordination Council of the III convocation “On Appeals for Visa Facilitation and Improvement of Border Movement Concerning Belarusians”**

The Coordination Council of Belarus, based on Article 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which proclaims the right of everyone to leave any country, including their own, and to return to their country, recognizing the widespread repression against the Belarusian people and the threats to the safety of Belarusians residing within the territory of the Republic of Belarus from the regime of Alexander Lukashenko, acknowledging the positions of the governments of Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland regarding the need to ensure national security, reminding of the need to distinguish between the Belarusian people, who do not support the aggression against Ukraine and advocate for democratic changes in Belarus, and the criminal regime of Alexander Lukashenko, intending to ensure the rights and legitimate interests of the citizens of the Republic of Belarus,

Resolves:

1. To address the parliaments of Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland with an appeal to take measures to restore and improve border movement with the Republic of Belarus concerning individuals, as well as to simplify the visa application process, including, if possible:
 - a. allowing individuals who have received international protection in these countries to send invitations;
 - b. issuing humanitarian visas in third countries where Belarusians are fleeing from repression.
2. To instruct the Speaker, head of the International Commission of the Coordination Council of Belarus, within the framework of the Belarus-EU advisory group, to request and analyze information on the introduction of digital visas for entry into Schengen zone countries for foreign citizens, including citizens of Belarus.
3. To request the United Transitional Cabinet (UTC) to hold consultations within the framework of the Belarus-EU advisory group and with the relevant state bodies of Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland on visa facilitation and the improvement of border movement concerning Belarusians.
4. The Coordination Council of Belarus, recognizing and acknowledging the serious threats posed by the Lukashenko regime to the European Union, as well as noting attempts to circumvent imposed sanctions, with the interest of foreign partners, proposes to assist in the process of verifying citizens of the Republic of Belarus applying for visas using tools available to democratic forces.