



## RECOGNITION OF A CHILD AND REGISTRATION

### General requirements:

#### *From the Belgian father :*

- 1) Original Birth Certificate.
- 2) Address in Belgium (to be eventually used during this procedure only, can be with family or friend).

#### *From the child :*

- 1) Fully legalized and translated Birth Certificate (read carefully the information on our section LEGALIZATION).
- 2) Copy of the Filipino passport.

#### *From the Filipina mother :*

- 1) Fully legalized and translated Birth Certificate (read carefully the information on our section LEGALIZATION).
- 2) Fully legalized and translated CENOMAR of the mother (read carefully the information on our section LEGALIZATION).
- 3) Copy of the Filipino passport.

Please note that you can only sign a formal act of **paternal recognition towards your biological child**. If you want to have a legal link with the child of your wife with a former man for instance, you must then apply for an adoption procedure (read the information on our section ADOPTION).

### Procedure:

To be sure all conditions are fulfilled, please send the Birth Certificate, CENOMAR of the mother and the national number of the father via email at [manila@diplobel.fed.be](mailto:manila@diplobel.fed.be) for a first assessment (attachment in pdf format, no more than 8 MB by email). We will then guide you accordingly...

If you are registered with the Embassy, **submit your original documents at the consular counter** (not the legalization counter) for us to build a case to be submitted to the Belgian SPF Foreign Affairs for authorization. Once received the confirmation that the file is complete and we can proceed, we will invite you to the Embassy for the signature of the act, explaining you the eventual prior requirements (payment).

Once it is signed here in Manila, the paternal filiation will be then officially established on the date of the signature. To know if the child obtains the Belgian nationality on that same date, kindly read the information on our section NATIONALITY. If so, we will proceed with the creation of the data in the national register. All documents will be kept in the child's file.

If you are still registered in Belgium, **the documents listed above must be brought in original to your municipality with as well a fully legalized and translated notarized AFFIDAVIT OF CONSENT from the mother**. The Embassy will provide you with a template upper request.

Pay attention to clearly request from the Belgian civil status officer the SIGNATURE OF AN ACT OF RECOGNITION OF PATERNAL FILIATION TOWARDS A CHILD. Because the child lives in the Philippines, that municipality isn't competent indeed for the registration of your child. Don't confuse them and stick to the official establishment of the paternal filiation with legal consent of the mother.

Once it is signed there in Belgium, the paternal filiation will be then officially established on the date of the signature. To know if the child obtains the Belgian nationality on that same date, kindly read the information on our section NATIONALITY. If so, the Embassy in Manila can then register and proceed with the creation of the data in the national register provided you bring us back :

- the act of paternal recognition signed in Belgium.
- full copy of the documents listed above 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- Fully filled-in, dated and signed registration form for minor signed by both parents (click on FORMS in *Quick Links*).
- Copy of the child Filipino passport.
- Residence Certificate from your barangay in the Philippines as official proof of address (full details – included zip code – to be mentioned) on the name of the child.

All documents will be kept in the child's file.

You can come to the Embassy for that registration any time during opening hours. It is not necessary to schedule an appointment. If you cannot come in person, you may send a representative with an authorization letter. The registration of a child is free of charge.