## Indberetning vedr. krav om opnåelse af statsborgerskab i en række udvalgte lande. Svar på instruktion.:

## **Qatari nationality:**

- It is very difficult to acquire Qatari nationality and it is almost impossible for foreigners. Residents in Qatar are deemed Qatari nationality primarily upon the principle of *jus sanguinis* (right of blood).
- Foreigners do not have any legal rights regarding application for permanent residence permit and they are not provided with guidelines on how to apply.
- According to article 2 in Law No. 38 of 2005 on the acquisition of Qatari nationality, a non-Qatari may acquire Qatari nationality by decree of the Emir and if they meet the following requirements:
  - 1) A minimum of 25 years of residence and not being absent from Qatar for more than two months in a single calendar year.
  - 2) Lawful means of income.
  - 3) Good repute and a clean criminal record.
  - 4) Good knowledge of the Arabic language.
- In addition only children born to a Qatari father may automatically receive Qatari nationality although applicants of a Qatari mother shall be given priority (article 2).
- If the parents are unknown, children who are born in Qatar are considered to be of Qatari nationality.

// Law No. 38 of 2005 on the acquisition of Qatari nationality - Qatar Legal portal (http://www.almeezan.qa/Default.aspx?language=en)