

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Portugal

Global Portuguese consular workers' strike canceled

Executive summary

Over the weekend, the Portuguese Union of Consular Workers, Diplomatic Missions and Central Services ("the Union") announced that they have resumed negotiations with the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As a result, the global strike that was scheduled to begin on 5 December 2022 has been canceled until further notice.

Key developments

Late last week, the Union had called off their talks with the Ministry and announced a global strike from 5 December 2022 to 12 January 2023. It was anticipated that such a strike would have significant impacts on Portuguese consular operations worldwide, including the processing of consular visa applications.

Impact on employers

Portuguese consular services in locations where Union members were set to participate in the strike are now expected to continue without disturbance. Companies and individuals seeking to submit immigration applications to impacted Portuguese embassies and consulates may opt to file pending applications at the earliest to avoid potential delays in processing.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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