



### **Naturalization of foreigners that descend from Portuguese Sephardic Jews**

**1 -The Portuguese Government may concede Portuguese nationality, by naturalization, to the descendants of Sephardic Jews, when the following criteria are met:**

- a) Being of majority age or emancipated, under Portuguese law;**
- b) Having not been convicted, with a sentence transited in rem judicatum, for a crime liable to a prison sentence of three years or more, in accordance with Portuguese law.**

**2 -In the application presented by the interested party, the circumstances determining the tradition of belonging to a Sephardic community of Portuguese origin shall be indicated and demonstrated, namely, family names, native language, direct ancestry or family relationship in a collateral line of a common parent from the Sephardic community of Portuguese origin.**

**3 -The application shall be accompanied by the following documents, notwithstanding the obligations arising from article 37:**

- a) Birth certificate;**
- b) Certificate of criminal record issued by the competent authority in the country of the nationality of the applicant or of the country in which the applicant has resided, which must be authenticated, when issued by foreign authorities.**
- c) Certificate from a Jewish community with collective religious person status, under Portuguese Law, at the date of entry into force of this Article, that certifies the tradition of belonging to a Sephardic community of Portuguese origin, materialized, namely, in the family name of the applicant, native language, ancestry, and family memory.**

**4 -The certificate referred to in line c) of the previous paragraph must contain the full name, date of birth, country of birth, parentage, nationality, and residence of the UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION 5 applicant, as mention of direct ancestry or family relationship in a collateral line of a common parent from the Sephardic community of Portuguese origin, accompanied by every evidence of such.**

**5 -In the absence of the certificate mentioned in 3(c), and, in order to demonstrate direct ancestry or family relationship in a collateral line of a common parent from the Sephardic community of Portuguese origin or tradition of belonging to a Sephardic community of Portuguese origin, the following means of evidence are admitted:**

- a) Certified document, issued by the Jewish community that there applicant belongs to, proving their usage of Portuguese expressions in Jewish rites, or as a language spoken by them in the heart of that community, the Ladino;**
- b) Certified records, such as registers from synagogues and Jewish cemeteries, as well as residence permits, property titles, deeds of will, and other pieces of evidence of family connection from the applicant, through direct ancestry or family relationship in a collateral line of a common parent from the Sephardic community of Portuguese origin.**

**6 -In case of doubt over the authenticity of the contents of the documents issued abroad, the member of the Government responsible for Justice may request the Jewish community referred under line 3(c), a report over the evidence produced under the preceding paragraph.”**