

Dear compatriots,

As indicated on social media, the Embassy has been preparing its relocation to new premises. After 35 years in the Al Masaood Building on Hamdan Street, it was time for a change. Larger and more modern premises were needed, also because the Military Section is joining the Embassy and both FIT and AWEX Dubai will have a more permanent presence in Abu Dhabi within the Embassy. This one year project is now nearing its completion.

The new Embassy is located in Capital Plaza, the Corniche, Abu Dhabi, better known as the 'Sofitel Towers'. Coming from Dubai, the building is located on your left when leaving the Sheikh Zayed Tunnel (direction Corniche). Take a U-turn at the very first traffic lights on the Corniche and follow the sign 'Sofitel' on the far right, just before the Corniche enters Sheikh Zayed Tunnel again. There is parking available around the new Embassy, including the Sofitel valet parking and the large public parking next to the Sheraton (with access through the pedestrian underpass). The entrance is to the far right of the central hotel entrance, and the Embassy is located on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor. For the time being, we maintain our appointment-only regime in view of the Covid-19 restrictions.

I have the pleasure to inform you that the final move of the Embassy will take place on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, when the ICT and communications systems will be dismantled, transported and installed. This means that the last working day of the Embassy will be on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> in Al Masaood. Taking into account the inevitable installation challenges, the Embassy plans to reopen to the public on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

This means that the Embassy will be off-line on September 29 and 30, as well as on October 1. I invite all Belgians having urgent matters that cannot wait till October 4<sup>th</sup> to visit/contact the Embassy till September 28<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Of course, the Embassy can be contacted on the emergency phone (050-441.34.60) and on a specially activated mail address: [AmbaBel.abudhabi@gmail.com](mailto:AmbaBel.abudhabi@gmail.com).

The move will not affect the existing telephone numbers: they will be transferred. Any unexpected change will be posted on the Embassy's website.

The Embassy is looking forward to welcoming you in its new location and to continuing its interaction with the Belgian community in the UAE.

Stay safe and healthy!

With best regards,

Peter Claes  
Ambassador