

MEMORANDUM

The fifth paragraph of Article 2 of the Presidential Decree No.128, that entered into force by being published in the Official Gazette dated 03/03/2023 and numbered 32121, contains the following provision: *'Foreign non-governmental organizations that do not have a permit to operate in Türkiye but wish to carry out activities related to disasters in provinces where a state of emergency has been declared may be granted permission by the Ministry of Interior during the state of emergency, without waiting for the procedural actions set forth in Article 5 of the Law No. 5253.'*

Within this scope, foreign NGOs that want to operate 'during the state of emergency and limited to the provinces where the state of emergency was declared' in response to the disaster caused by the Kahramanmaraş-centered earthquake of 6 February 2023 in Türkiye should first select the "Operating in Türkiye " activity type option in the "Foreign NGO Permit Application Guide", in the "Activity of Foreign NGOs in Türkiye " section of our corporate website "www.siviltoplum.gov.tr" and then they can apply directly to the General Directorate of Civil Society Relations (Kavaklıdere Mahallesi, Esat Caddesi No:1 Çankaya – Ankara) by completing the necessary documents in order to act in accordance with the information contained herein.

I kindly request that the foreign NGOs in your province be informed about the issue.