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Minister of Agriculture  
of the Commonwealth of Australia  
Canberra,  
Australia.

Sir:

As it might be familiar to your excellency, Greece has been under the obligation to give room for about 1,500,000 refugees from Asia Minor who were obliged to leave their homes after the disaster of Asia Minor.

The big portion of these refugees are Greeks and there is a number of Armenians too. Our country being not rich in natural resources and having not attained a high degree of industrial development there is no need to mention that it has been a difficult task to settle these large number of new comers and find satisfactory employment for them, under these conditions immigration has been a natural solution.

We being a recognized travellers bureau, have been asked by the Armenian official representatives that a number of agriculturists wish to immigrate to Australia, these are composed of the following.

About five hundred expert tobacco planters who are from the famous tobacco regions of Samsoun and Bafra in Asia Minor, these people wish to bring with them the seeds of their own blands.

About thousand farm workers who are specialized in planting potatoes, cereals, and vegetables, also vine dressers.

About five hundred lumbermen who are willing to go to the interior.

These people will pay their travel expenses themselves but in case of their coming to Australia what facilities would it be possible to grant for them to make a start.

Kindly note that these people will be men from 25-50 who will come without their families as they don't want to have their families a burden on themselves when getting a start.

We will be very much obliged if you will kindly inform us your point of view about this matter, and direct us as if it will be possible to grant visas to these people.

Trusting to be favoured by your kind consideration.

We remain, etc.

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