

Unravelling a Babylonian Mystery: Authentication, Certification or Legalisation?



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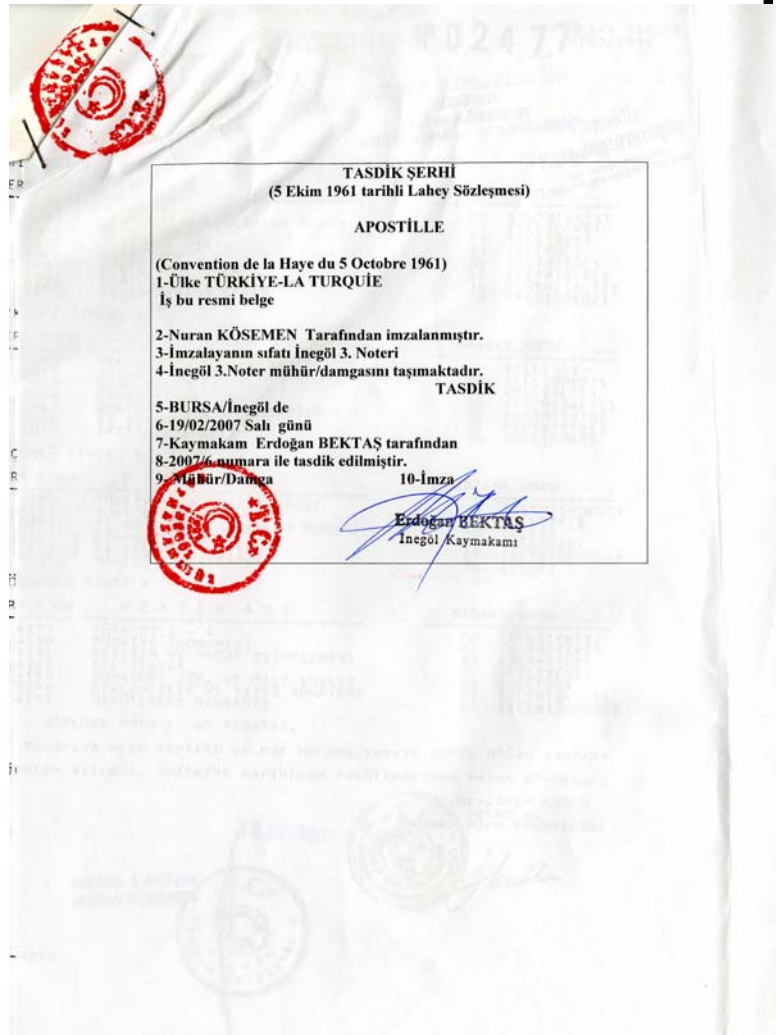
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- **Apostille** – simplified legalisation
- **Authentication** – like certification, ambiguous term, meaning either the act of producing a true photocopy, or the act of legalising a document
- **Certification** – ambiguous term, meaning either authentication/attestation and similar, that is, the act of producing a true photocopy and stamping it, or the act of **awarding of a certificate**
- **Legalisation** – in many jurisdictions, basically not more than making a document fit for legal purposes abroad; testifies to correctness of signatures
- **Validation** – explicitly mentions implied value to document by competent authority
- **Verification** – contacting competent authority to find out whether document has been legally awarded to recipient

Legalisation/Authentication and Apostilles

- Authentications and Apostilles
- Overseas governments sometimes need proof that Australian documents, or the signatures of Australian officials on documents, are genuine before they will accept them. We are able to certify that a signature, stamp or seal on a document is genuine by checking it against a specimen held on file, and then stamping the document with an Authentication or Apostille.
- This is a legal process. We will only issue stamps once we are satisfied the signature, stamp or seal on a document is not fraudulent. Instances of attempted fraud in the past mean that we need to be cautious about issuing an Authentication or Apostille.
- Which stamp do I need? An Authentication or an Apostille? (<http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/authen.html>)

Let's Start with Legalisations



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Legalisation Chain

- Can contain various stamps, from 1 to 5 or more different authorities
- Basically, only the correctness of a signatory is confirmed
- Question is: Which signatory?
- Look out for notarial certifications

Legalisation Chain Peru



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Apostille Convention

- *Article 3*
- The only formality that may be required in order to certify the authenticity of the signature, the capacity in which the person signing the document has acted and, where appropriate, the identity of the seal or stamp which it bears, is the addition of the certificate described in Article 4, issued by the competent authority of the State from which the document emanates.
- *Article 5*
- The certificate shall be issued at the request of the person who has signed the document or of any bearer.
- When properly filled in, it will certify the authenticity of the signature, the capacity in which the person signing the document has acted and, where appropriate, the identity of the seal or stamp which the document bears.
- The signature, seal and stamp on the certificate are exempt from all certification.
- http://www.hcch.net/index_en.php?act=conventions.text&cid=41

Notarial Certifications

- In many countries, notarial certification or legalisation at the basis of Apostille
- Only correctness of notarial certification assured
- Correctness of underlying original document not assured
- Check whether original diploma has been legalised, or whether photocopy stood at basis

Apostille Belarus

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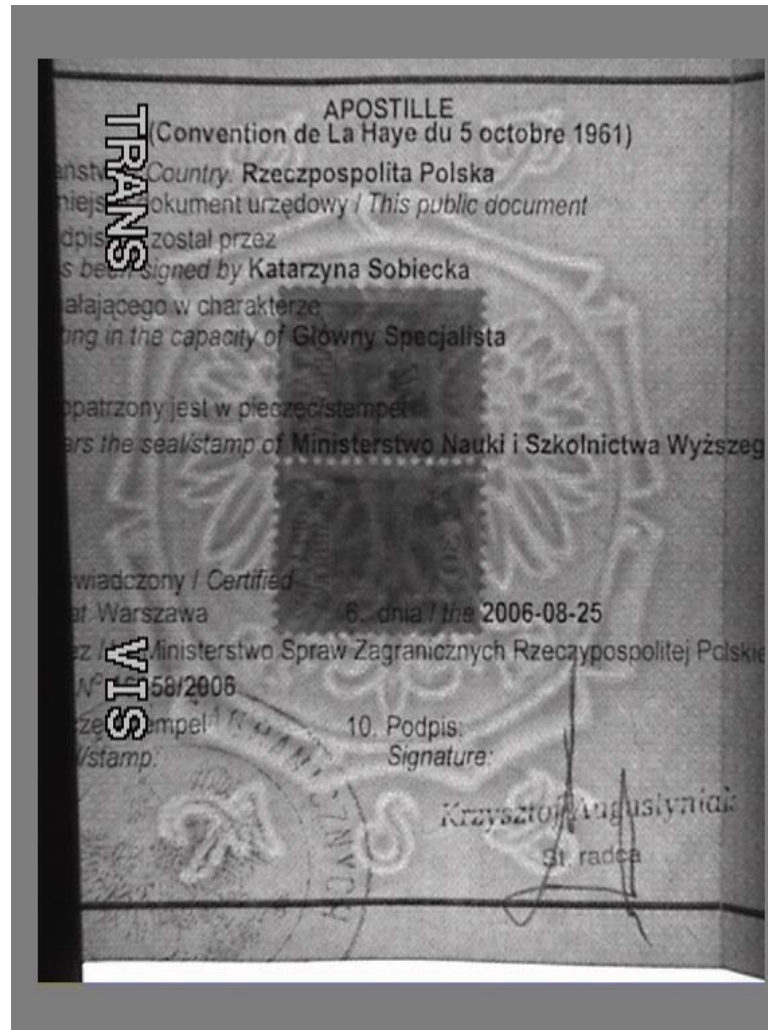
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- Source: George M. Brown, *Academic Qualification Acceptability and Authenticity*, PhD thesis, University of Adelaide, 2007, p. 19

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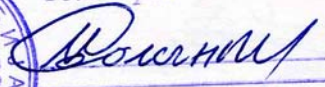
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6. дата *02.07.2004*

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8. за № *649*

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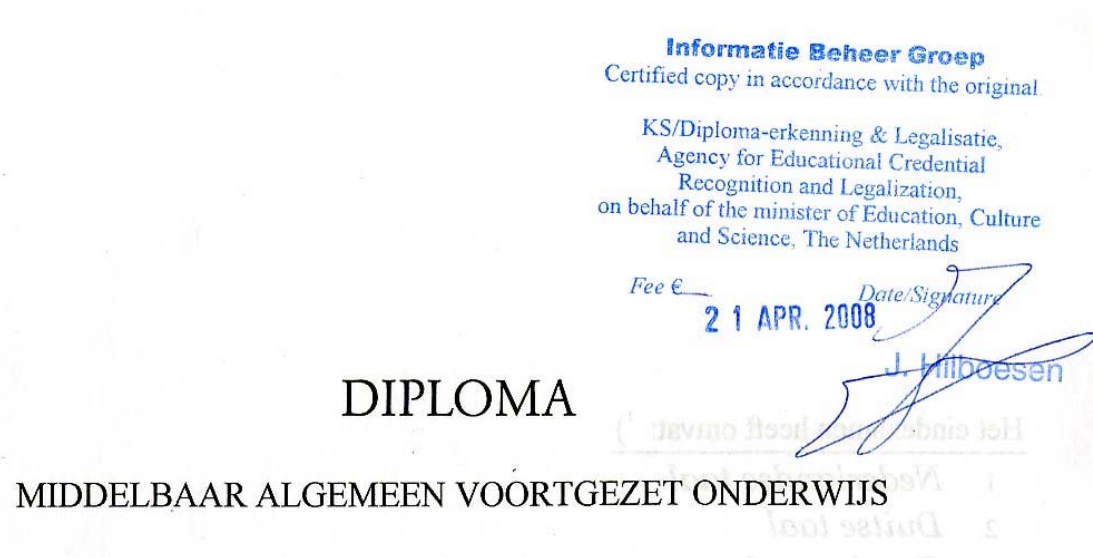



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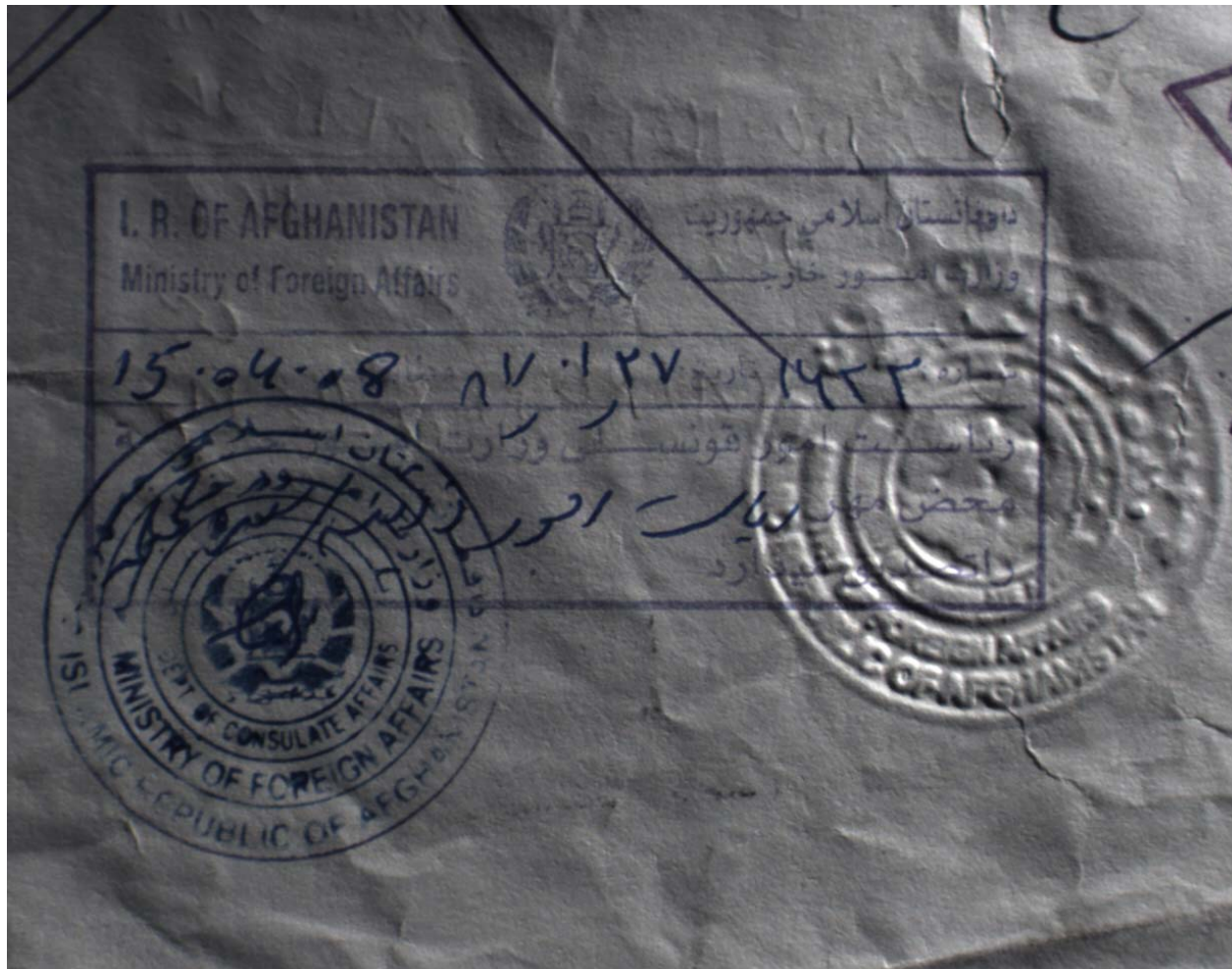
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