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Within the framework of the provisions of article 116 of the Constitution of the Republic of Cyprus and of article 81 of the Fiscal Responsibility and Financial Framework Law (Law 20(I)/2014), the Audit Office performed an audit on a sample of payment transactions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the year 2020, which was selected with a specific methodology, for the purpose of expressing an audit opinion on the financial statements of the Republic of Cyprus. From the audit of the above transactions there were no findings to report.

In addition, our Office carried out a compliance audit, which related to the accounts of three embassies for the period 1.1.2019 to 31.12.2020, as well as the investigation of a complaint related to the use of the 'Enlightenment' expense for expenditure within Cyprus.

In this Report we present the findings regarding the audit of the embassies' accounts and the investigation of a complaint regarding the use of the 'Enlightenment' expense for expenditure within Cyprus, as well as a summary of the financial results of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the year 2020.