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NOTE

from	Presidency
to	Strategic Committee on Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum
No. Cion doc.:	15928/08 VISA 371 COAFR 373 (RESTREINT UE) (SEC(2008) 2817 final)
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SCIFA examined at its meeting on 12-13 February 2009 the draft mandate for negotiating a visa facilitation agreement with Cape Verde on the basis of 5918/09 VISA 34 COAFR 38 (RESTREINT).

The Presidency concluded on the basis that, as diverging views had been expressed on the question of proceeding with the mandates at that time, it would be necessary to reflect further in order to establish whether a basis could be found for making progress while taking account of the concerns expressed by delegations.

The group of JHA Counsellors examined at its meeting on 24 March 2009 a number of suggestions made by the Presidency in order to reach a compromise.

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COUNCIL DECISION

of

authorising the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cape Verde on the facilitation of issuance of short-stay visas

The Council hereby:

- authorises the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cape Verde on the facilitation of issuance of short-stay visas;
- decides that the Commission will conduct these negotiations, on behalf of the European Community, in close consultation with relevant bodies of the Council;
- lays down that the negotiations shall be conducted in accordance with the following negotiating directives.

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