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NOTE

from	Presidency
to	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	15928/08 VISA 371 COAFR 373 (RESTREINT UE) (SEC(2008) 2817 final)
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INTRODUCTION

In the context of the "Special Partnership" between the EU and Cape Verde, and following the Council Conclusions on mobility partnerships and circular migration in the framework of the Global Approach to migration of 10 December 2007¹, a Joint Declaration on the Mobility Partnership between the European Union and Cape Verde was signed on 5 June 2008². In its points 5 and 12 both parties undertook to develop a dialogue on the questions of short-stay visas and readmission.

¹ 16283/07 RELEX 956 DEVGEN 278

² 9460/08 ADD 2 ASIM 39 COAFR 150 COEST 101

The Commission submitted on 18 November 2008 a Recommendation from the Commission to the Council in order to authorise the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement between the European Community and Cape Verde on the facilitation of issuance of short-stay visas¹ and on 19 November 2008 a Recommendation from the Commission to the Council in order to authorise the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of a readmission agreement² between the European Community and Cape Verde.

It is noted that the Recommendation on readmission as set out in doc. 6048/09 MIGR 8 COAFR 41 (RESTREINT UE) is not subject to reservations.

The Recommendation on visa facilitation was examined by the Visa Working Party on 8 December 2008, by SCIFA on 12-13 February and 26-27 March 2009 and by the JHA Counsellors Group on 24 March and 15 May 2009, on the last occasion on the basis of 9843/09 VISA 160 COAFR 169 (RESTREINT UE).

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¹ 15928/08 VISA 371 COAFR 373 (RESTREINT UE)

² 15949/08 MIGR 115 COAFR 372 (RESTREINT UE)

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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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