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from:	Portuguese delegation
to:	Visa Working Party
Subject:	Introduction of the visa requirement for Russian civilian air crews

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The Portuguese delegation wishes to inform delegations that, as of 1 June 2012, Portugal has decided to introduce the visa requirement for Russian civilian air crews in accordance with Article 4(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 of 15 March 2001. Consequently, from this date Russian civilian air crews will no longer benefit from the visa waiver currently provided under the same article.