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I/A ITEM NOTE

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1. The Commission recommended that an Agreement be negotiated between the European Community and the Russian Federation on the facilitation of the issuance of short-stay visas to Union and Russian citizens ¹.

¹ Document 8852/04 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 the Russian Federation on the facilitation of the issuance of short-stay visas to European Union and Russian citizens.

2. After discussions in the Working Parties on Visas and on Eastern Europe and Central Asia, agreement was reached in Coreper on the text for the negotiating directives (Annex I), and on separate Statements - one by the Council and the Commission and one by the Council - to the minutes of the Council (Annex II and III).

3. The Council is invited to :
 - authorise the Commission, in consultation with the special committee designated by the Council¹, to begin negotiations with the Russian Federation, on the basis of the Directives in Annex I;
 - approve the statements in Annex II and III to be entered into the Council minutes.

¹ Working Parties on Eastern Europe and Central Asia and on Visas.

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