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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Colombia on the short-stay visa waiver

1. On 14 September 2015, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Council decision on the signing¹, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Colombia on the short-stay visa waiver, together with a draft text of the said agreement in the annex to that proposal², and a proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the same agreement³.
2. With a view to their adoption by the Council, the Decisions on the signing, on the conclusion and the text of the Agreements have been edited by the Legal-Linguistic experts. The edited text of the Decision on the signing is set out in 12093/15 VISA 303 COLAC 92. The edited text of the Decision on the conclusion is set out in 12095/15 VISA 305 COLAC 94. The edited text of the Agreement is set out in 12094/15 VISA 304 COLAC 93.

¹ 12046/15 VISA 288 COLAC 88.

² 12046/15 ADD 1 VISA 288 COLAC 88.

³ 12047/15 VISA 289 COLAC 89 + ADD 1.

3. On 26 October 2015, the Council authorised the signing of the Agreement with the Republic of Colombia. The Agreement was signed on 2 December 2015 with a provisional application from the day after its signature¹.
4. In accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Council shall adopt the Decision concluding the Agreement after obtaining the consent of the European Parliament.
5. On 26 October 2015, the Council decided to forward the draft Decision on conclusion as well as the text of the Agreement (texts finalised by the legal linguist experts) to the European Parliament for its consent.
6. On 8 June 2016, the European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement and instructed its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and of the Republic of Colombia.
7. This Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in which the United Kingdom does not take part, in accordance with Council Decision 2000/365/EC of 29 May 2000 concerning the request of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen acquis². The United Kingdom is therefore not taking part in its adoption and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
8. This Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in which Ireland does not take part, in accordance with Council Decision 2002/192/EC of 28 February 2002 concerning Ireland's request to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen acquis³; Ireland is therefore not taking part in its adoption and is not bound by it or subject to its application.

¹ Published in OJ L 333, 19.12.2015, p. 1.

² OJ L 131, 1.6.2000, p. 43.

³ OJ L 64, 7.3.2002, p. 20.

9. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to confirm the agreement reached on the Decision on conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Colombia on the short-stay visa waiver, and to suggest that the Council:

- Adopt, under part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming session, the Decision as set out in 12095/15 VISA 305 COLAC 94.
- Decide that the text of the above Decision and of the Agreement be published in the Official Journal, "L" series, in accordance with Article 17(1)(d) of the Council's Rules of Procedures.
