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## **LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of negotiations with the Federal Republic of Nigeria for an agreement between the European Union and the Federal Republic of Nigeria on readmission

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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/...**

**of ...**

**authorising the opening of negotiations with the Federal Republic of Nigeria  
for an agreement between the European Union and the Federal Republic of Nigeria  
on readmission**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular  
Article 79(3) in conjunction with Article 218(3) and (4) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Negotiations should be opened with a view to concluding an agreement with the Federal Republic of Nigeria on readmission.
- (2) In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and without prejudice to Article 4 of that Protocol, those Member States are not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and are not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (3) In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

### *Article 1*

1. The Commission is hereby authorised to open negotiations with the Federal Republic of Nigeria for an agreement between the European Union and the Federal Republic of Nigeria on readmission.
2. The negotiations shall be conducted on the basis of the negotiating directives of the Council set out in document 11946/2016 (RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED).

### *Article 2*

The Commission is hereby nominated as the Union negotiator.

### *Article 3*

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Special Committee provided for in Article 218(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, namely the Council Working Party on Integration, Migration and Expulsion, and in accordance with the negotiating directives contained in document 11946/2016 (RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED), subject to any negotiating directives which the Council may subsequently issue to the Commission.

*Article 4*

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at ...,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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