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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: a) Council Decision on the signing of the Agreements amending the short-stay visa waiver Agreements between the European Union and Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Seychelles

- Adoption

b) Council Decision on the conclusion of the same Agreements

- Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 27 July 2017, the Commission submitted proposals for Council decisions on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the agreements between the European Union and:

Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Seychelles on the short-stay visa waiver, together with a draft text of the said agreements in the annex to those proposals, and proposals for Council decisions on the conclusion of the same agreements.

2. On 18 September 2017, the Visa Working Party agreed on these proposals.
3. These decisions constitute 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; the United Kingdom is therefore not taking part in their adoption and is not bound by them or subject to their application.
4. These decisions constitute 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; Ireland is therefore not taking part in their adoption and is not bound by them or subject to their application.

The decisions on the signing and the text of the agreements with those countries have been edited by the Legal-Linguistic experts. The edited texts of the decisions on the signing are set out in respectively 12381/17, 12384/17, 12387/17, 12390/17, 12394/17, 12397/17.

The edited texts of the agreements are set out in respectively 12382/17, 12385/17, 12388/17, 12391/17, 12395/17, 12398/17.

The decisions on the conclusion of the same agreements have also been edited by the Legal-Linguistic experts. The edited text is set out respectively in 12383/17, 12386/17, 12389/17, 12393/17, 12396/17, 12399/17.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly invited to recommend that the Council:

- a) adopt, as an "A" item of the agenda of one of its forthcoming sessions, the decisions on the signing as set out in 12381/17, 12384/17, 12387/17, 12390/17, 12394/17, 12397/17.
- b) decide to forward the draft Decision on conclusion as set out in 12383/17, 12386/17, 12389/17, 12393/17, 12396/17, 12399/17 to the European Parliament for its consent once the agreements have been duly signed.

The decisions on the signing together with the text of the agreements will be published in the OJ in accordance with the applicable rules.
