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**From:** General Secretariat of the Council

**To:** Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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**Subject:** Adoption of a Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations with the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Iceland, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein with a view to concluding an Agreement between the European Union and those countries on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014-20

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1. The Commission submitted on 28 May 2014 a Recommendation to the Council in order to authorise the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Iceland, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014-20, set out in 10402/14 JAI 424 FRONT 115 VISA 136 CADREFIN 85 (RESTREINT UE).

2. Following examination of the Recommendation on 16 June 2014 by the JHA Counsellors, it was concluded that there was a clear qualified majority in favour of the text of the negotiating directives for the Commission as set out in 10402/14 ADD 1.
  3. The draft Council Decision set out in 11015/14 JAI 523 FRONT 125 VISA 152 CADREFIN 87 (RESTREINT UE) has been prepared on that basis.
  4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to ask the Council to adopt the draft Council Decision as set out in 11015/14 (RESTREINT UE) as an A point.
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