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From: Polish delegation
To: Visa Working Party

Subject: Exemptions from the visa requirement provided for by Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 of 15 March 2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement

The Polish delegation wishes to inform delegations that Poland has decided the following amendments.

As of 1 September 2014, holders of diplomatic and service/official passports from Australia and the USA will be exempt from the visa requirement, without any condition anymore.

Furthermore, refugees residing in Ireland and in the United Kingdom are exempt from the visa requirement. However, stateless persons residing in those countries remain submitted to that requirement.