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

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(RESTREINT UE) (COM(2014) 467 final)

Subject: Adoption of a Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of short-stay visa waiver agreements between the European Union and Dominica, Grenada, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, the United Arab Emirates and Vanuatu

1. The Commission submitted on 17 July 2014 a Recommendation to the Council in order to authorise the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of short-stay visa waiver agreements between the European Union and Dominica, Grenada, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, the United Arab Emirates and Vanuatu, set out in 11806/14 VISA 175 COLAC 43 COMEM 125 COASI 79 + ADD 1 (RESTREINT UE).
2. Following examination of the Recommendation by the Visa Working Party on 17 July and 17 September 2014, it was concluded that there was a basic consensus on the draft mandate subject to the addition of official/special passports in point 2 of the draft negotiating directives.

3. The draft Council Decision set out in 13365/14 VISA 236 COLAC 57 COMEM 161 COASI 109 (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 13365/14 VISA 236 COLAC 57 COMEM 161 COASI 109 (RESTREINT UE) as an A point.
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