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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 for amending the short-stay visa waiver agreements concluded between the European Union/Community and Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Barbados, the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Republic of Mauritius, the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis and the Republic of Seychelles

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1. The Commission submitted on 16 July 2014 a Recommendation to the Council in order to authorise the Commission to open negotiations for amending the short-stay visa waiver agreements concluded between the European Union/Community and Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Barbados, the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Republic of Mauritius, the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis and the Republic of Seychelles, set out in 11809/14 VISA 176 COLAC 44 COAFR 205 + 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.

3. The draft Council Decision set out in 13362/14 VISA 235 COLAC 56 COAFR 252 (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 13362/14 VISA 235 COLAC 56 COAFR 252 (RESTREINT UE) as an A point.
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