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Subject: Recommendation from the Commission to the Council authorising the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of a short-stay visa waiver agreement 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

Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the Commission to open negotiations with a view to amending the existing short-stay visa waiver agreements between the European Union/European 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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## **OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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From: Visa Working Party  
On: 17 September 2014

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Subject: Recommendation for 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

Recommendation for 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. Recommendation from the Commission to the Council authorising the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of a short-stay visa waiver agreement 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**

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The **Chair** concluded that there was a broad majority of delegations in favour of adopting the Council Decision to authorise the Commission to open negotiations with the countries concerned. It was also decided that a reference to holders of official/special passports would be added to the categories who are to benefit from a visa waiver in the negotiating directives.

**2. Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the Commission to open negotiations with a view to amending the existing short-stay visa waiver agreements between the European Union/European 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**

After an exchange of views, the **Chair** concluded that there was a broad majority of delegations in favour of adopting the Council Decision to authorise the Commission to open negotiations with the countries concerned.

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