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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council

Subject: Adoption of a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Republic of Tunisia for the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, on Readmission

1. By letter received on 30 July 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council a recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the Commission to negotiate a readmission agreement with the Republic of Tunisia as set out in document 12332/14 MIGR 115 TU 15 + ADD 1 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED.
2. The above recommendation for a Council Decision and the negotiating directives were examined by the JHA Counsellors on 20 October 2014.
3. In parallel to the readmission agreement, a Council Decision concerning the recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the Commission to negotiate a visa facilitation agreement with the Republic of Tunisia is also to be adopted by the Council¹.

¹ See doc. 15913/14 VISA 305 TU 25

4. In accordance with Articles 3 of the Protocol No. 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of Freedom, Security and Justice annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and without prejudice to Article 4 of the said Protocol, the United Kingdom has notified by letter received on 31 October 2014 (15008/14 MIGR 139 TU 20) its wish to take part in the adoption of the present Decision.
5. In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of the Protocol No. 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of Freedom, Security and Justice annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and without prejudice to Article 4 of the said Protocol, Ireland is not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
5. The provisions of this Agreement, which falls within the scope of Title V of Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, do not apply to the Kingdom of Denmark, in accordance with Protocol No. 22 on the position of Denmark Annexed to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest to the Council to adopt under the "A" part of the Agenda, in one of its forthcoming sessions, the Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations on an agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Tunisia as set out in document 16063/14 MIGR 153 TU 29 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED, which refers to the negotiating directives set out in document 16032/14 MIGR 151 TU 27 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED.
