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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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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 the facilitation of the issuance of short-stay visas

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 77(2)(a), in conjunction with Article 218(3) and (4) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Whereas:

Negotiations should be opened with a view to concluding an Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, on the facilitation of the issuance of short-stay visas,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The Commission is hereby authorised to open negotiations, on behalf of the Union, for an international Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, on the facilitation of the issuance of short-stay visas.
2. The negotiating directives are set out in document 15912/14.

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Article 2

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the **Visa Working Party** of the Council.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

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