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COUNCIL DECISION

of

authorising the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco on the facilitation of the issuance of short-stay visas

The Council hereby:

- authorises the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco on the facilitation of issuance of short-stay visas;
- decides that the Commission will conduct these negotiations, on behalf of the European Union, in close consultation with relevant bodies of the Council;
- lays down that the negotiations shall be conducted in accordance with the following negotiating directives.

NEGOTIATING DIRECTIVES

The Commission shall, in the course of negotiations, aim to achieve the specific objectives which are set out in detail below.

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

The purpose of the Agreement should be to establish clear and unambiguous legally binding rights and obligations to ensure the facilitated issuance of short-stay visas to citizens of Morocco wishing to travel to the European Union. However, the Agreement would also cover the scenario in which Morocco would later reintroduce the visa requirement for EU citizens, in which case the same facilitations granted under the Agreement to citizens of Morocco would automatically, on the basis of reciprocity, apply to EU citizens.

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