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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of negotiations with the People's Republic of China for a short-stay visa-waiver agreement for holders of diplomatic passports

COUNCIL DECISION

of ...

**authorising the opening of negotiations with the People's Republic of China
for a short-stay visa-waiver agreement for holders of diplomatic passports**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Commission is hereby authorised to open negotiations, on behalf of the European Union, for a reciprocal short-stay visa-waiver agreement for holders of diplomatic passports with the People's Republic of China.

Article 2

The negotiations shall be conducted on the basis of the negotiating directives of the Council set out in 11021/15 ADD 1.

Article 3

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

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President
