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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	11250/15 VISA 244 COEST 236 + ADD1 (COM(2015) 375 final)
Subject:	Adoption of a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee set up under the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia on the facilitation of the issuance of visas, with regard to the adoption of its rules of procedure

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1. On 31 July 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision determining the European Union position for a Decision of the Joint Committee set up under the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia on the facilitation of the issuance of visas, with regard to the adoption of the rules of procedures for the Joint Committee, set out respectively in 11250/15 VISA 244 COEST 236 + ADD 1.
2. Following examination of the proposal by the Visa Working Party on 2 September 2015, the Chair concluded that there was an agreement to forward the text of the draft Council Decision together with its Annex to the Directorate for Quality of Legislation for their legal and linguistic revision with a view to their adoption as an A item by the Council on the agenda of one of its forthcoming session.

3. This Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in which the United Kingdom does not take part, in accordance with Council Decision 2000/365/EC of 29 May 2000 concerning the request of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen acquis<sup>1</sup>; the United Kingdom is therefore not taking part in its adoption and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
4. This Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in which Ireland does not take part, in accordance with Council Decision 2002/192/EC of 28 February 2002 concerning Ireland's request to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen acquis<sup>2</sup>; Ireland is therefore not taking part in its adoption and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
5. In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of the Protocol (No 22) on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
6. The text of the draft Council Decision and of its Annex (Draft Decision of the Joint Committee with regard to the adoption of its rules of procedure) have been edited by the Legal-Linguistic experts. The edited text is set out in 11770/15 VISA 267 COEST 363.
7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to ask the Council to adopt the draft Council Decision as set out in 11770/15 VISA 267 COEST 363, under the "A" part of the agenda of one of its forthcoming sessions.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 131, 1.6.2000, p. 43.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 64, 7.3.2002, p. 20.