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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject: Adoption of the Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on an agreement between the EU and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on readmission

1. By letter received on 14 September 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council a recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the Commission to negotiate a readmission agreement with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan as set out in document 12137/15 MIGR 45 RHJ 12 + 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 28 September 2015 and 29 January 2016.
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 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is also to be adopted by the Council¹.

¹ See doc. 7072/16 VISA 73 RHJ 11

4. In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of 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 that Protocol, those Member States are not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and are not bound by it or subject to its application.
5. In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of 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 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 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan as set out in document 6963/16 MIGR 50 RHJ 9, which refers to the negotiating directives set out in document 6970/16 MIGR 51 RHJ 10 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED;
 - inform the European Parliament according to Article 218(10) TFEU.
