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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of negotiations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for an agreement between the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the facilitation of the issuance of short-stay visas

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/....

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**authorising the opening of negotiations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
for an agreement between the European Union
and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
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 point (a) of Article 77(2), 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 with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan 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 for an agreement between the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the facilitation of the issuance of short-stay visas.
2. The negotiations shall be conducted on the basis of the negotiating directives of the Council set out in document 6831/2016 (RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED).

Article 2

The Commission is hereby nominated as the Union negotiator.

Article 3

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Special Committee provided for in Article 218 (4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, namely the Visa Working Party of the Council and in accordance with the directives contained in document 6831/2016 (RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED), subject to any directives which the Council may subsequently issue to the Commission.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at,

For the Council

The President
