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LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas on the short-stay visa waiver - Declaration of the Union

DECLARATION OF THE UNION CONCERNING THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF REGULATION (EU) 2017/2226 ESTABLISHING THE ENTRY/EXIT SYSTEM (EES) AND THE MEMBER STATES APPLYING THE SCHENGEN ACQUIS IN FULL

Regulation (EU) 2017/2226 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2017 establishing an Entry/Exit System (EES) to register entry and exit data and refusal of entry data of third-country nationals crossing the external borders of the Member States and determining the conditions for access to the EES for law enforcement purposes, and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement and Regulations (EC) No 767/2008 and (EU) No 1077/2011 entered into force on 29 December 2017.

As a consequence, as from the date of application of Regulation (EU) 2017/2226¹ for the purposes of this Agreement Member States applying the Schengen *acquis* in full will mean Member States operating the Entry/Exit System at the external borders. The maximum period of 90 days in any 180-day period will be calculated taking into account the period of stay in all the Member States operating the Entry/Exit System at the external borders.

¹ The date of application will be decided by the Commission in accordance with Article 73 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2226.