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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code) (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 14 March 2018 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 77(2)(a) TFEU²³⁴, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 19 September 2018⁵.

¹ 7173/18.

² In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of the Protocol No 22, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Regulation and is not bound by it or subject to its application.

³ In accordance with Council Decision 2000/365/EC, the United Kingdom is not taking part in the adoption of this Regulation and is not bound by it or subject to its application.

⁴ In accordance with Council Decision 2002/192/EC, Ireland is not taking part in the adoption of this Regulation and is not bound by it or subject to its application.

⁵ OJ C 440, 6.12.2018, p. 142.

3. On 17 April 2019 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council⁶.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council:
 - approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 29/19, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting;
 - decide that the statement in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

⁶ 8447/19.