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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject: Council Decision on the suspension in whole of the application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Vanuatu on the short-stay visa waiver
– Adoption

1. On 12 October 2022, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Council Decision on the suspension in whole of the application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Vanuatu on the short-stay visa waiver¹.
2. On 13 October 2022, the Visa Working Party agreed on this proposal.
3. 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/EC². Ireland is therefore not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.

¹ 13509/22.

² 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* (OL L 64, 7.3.2002, p. 20).

4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend that the Council adopt the abovementioned Council Decision as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts, as set out in 13631/22, as an "A" item on the agenda of a forthcoming meeting.

The Council Decision will be published in the Official Journal in accordance with the applicable rules.
