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From: German delegation

To: Visa Working Party / Mixed Committee (EU-Iceland/Norway and Switzerland/Liechtenstein)

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Subject: Exemption from the visa requirement provided for by Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 of 14 November 2018 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement

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Pursuant to Articles 6(1)(a) and 12(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1806, the German delegation wishes to inform delegations that, with effect from 18 August 2020, Germany does not require citizens of the Russian Federation, who are holders of diplomatic passports, to be in possession of visas when entering the Federal Republic of Germany for short-stay travels. This measure was adopted after the Russian Federation restored with effect from 1 August 2020 the exemption of German holders of diplomatic passports from the visa requirement for short-stay travels to the Russian Federation.

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