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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Council Decision on the partial suspension 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 January 2022, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Council Decision on the partial suspension of the application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Vanuatu on the short-stay visa waiver¹.
2. On 10 February 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 5273/22.

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 6190/22, 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.
