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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
No. Cion doc.:	6011/25 R-UE/EU-R + ADD 1 R-UE/EU-R
Subject:	Draft Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on an Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Kazakhstan on facilitating the issuance of visas – Adoption

1. On 14 February 2025, the Commission presented a recommendation for the abovementioned Council Decision, accompanied by draft negotiating directives (6011/25 + ADD 1).
2. The Visa Working Party examined the draft Council Decision at its meeting on 18 February and Presidency compromise texts were discussed on 13 March 2025. The text for the Decision received broad support, while there were still requests for clarifications in the text for negotiating directives.
3. At the JHA Counsellors meeting on 24 March 2025, a second Presidency compromise proposal, to which was added a few rather technical changes, reached broad agreement.
4. Following legal-linguistic revision, the text of the draft Council Decision is set out in document 7154/25.

5. 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/EC¹. Ireland is therefore not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
6. In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
7. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is requested
- to invite the Council to adopt the Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on an Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Kazakhstan on facilitating the issuance of visas as set out in document 7154/25, which refers to the negotiating directives as set out in document 7154/25 ADD 1 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED, as an ‘A’ item at a forthcoming meeting; and
 - to request the publication of the text of the decision as adopted by the Council in the Official Journal of the European Union.
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¹ 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* (OJ L 64, 7.3.2002, p. 20).