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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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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 – Statement by Austria

Statement by Austria

Regarding the Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on an agreement with Kazakhstan on facilitating the issuance of visas, Austria informs partners that its reservations, which were brought up in various formats, still persist. Austria welcomes the opening of the negotiations in general. Concerns relate above all to practical aspects of the mandate including the proposed deadline for decisions and the reduction of visa fees.