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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	17126/24
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the partial suspension of the application of the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the facilitation of the issuance of visas – Adoption

1. On 20 December 2024, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the partial suspension of the application of the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the facilitation of the issuance of visas¹.
2. At their meeting on 10 January 2025, the JHA Counsellors examined the above proposal for a Decision.
3. The JHA Counsellors agreed on the text following an informal written consultation concluded on 14 January 2025. The Hungarian and the Slovak delegations indicated that they oppose the proposal.
4. The 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/EC; Ireland is therefore not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.

¹ 17126/24.

5. 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.
 6. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend that the Council adopt the above Council Decision, as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts and set out in document 5045/25, as an ‘A’ item at a forthcoming meeting.
 7. The Council Decision will be published in the Official Journal in accordance with the applicable rules.
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