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Delegations will find in the annex the Council conclusions on the launch of the visa waiver process with Saudi Arabia, approved by the Council at its 4203rd meeting held on 19 October 2026.

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ANNEX

Council conclusions

The Council welcomes the intention of the Commission to launch a visa waiver process with Saudi Arabia and to fully associate the Council and the Member States with each step of the process. The possibility to lift the visa obligation for the nationals of Saudi Arabia will only be considered upon the complete fulfilment of the benchmarks.

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