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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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 Belarus on the facilitation of the issuance of visas – Adoption

1. On 29 September 2021, 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 Belarus on the facilitation of the issuance of visas¹.
2. On 13 October 2021, 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 12357/21.

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 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.
5. 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 12825/21, 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.
