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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (Georgia) - Adoption of the legislative act (LA)

1. On 9 March 2016 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 77(2)(a) TFEU, to the Council²³.
2. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 2 February 2017. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council⁴.
3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 64/16, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.

¹ 7083/16.

² In accordance with Council Decision 2000/365/EC, the United Kingdom is not taking part in the adoption of this Regulation and is not bound by it or subject to its application.

³ In accordance with Council Decision 2002/192/EC, Ireland is not taking part in the adoption of this Regulation and is not bound by it or subject to its application.

⁴ 5872/17.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.
