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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 Council Regulation (EC) No 1683/95 laying down a uniform format for visas (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act = Statement

Statement by the United Kingdom

The United Kingdom notes the adoption of the Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1683/1995 laying down a uniform format for visas. The United Kingdom considers that this Regulation does not constitute a measure that builds on the Schengen acquis for the UK, as it amends a measure that was adopted prior to the incorporation of the Schengen acquis into Union law and that was not listed as part of the Schengen acquis. The United Kingdom considers that as the Regulation falls within the scope of Title V of Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Protocol (No. 21) to the Treaties on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice should have applied to this Regulation.