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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council |
| No. Cion doc.: | 12037/22 |
| Subject: | Proposal for a Council Decision on the suspension in whole of the application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Russian Federation on the facilitation of the issuance of visas to the citizens of the European Union and the Russian Federation – Adoption |

1. On 6 September 2022, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Council Decision on the suspension in whole of the application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Russian Federation on the facilitation of the issuance of visas to the citizens of the European Union and the Russian Federation¹.
2. 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 12037/22.

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).

3. 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.
4. 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 12039/22, 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.
