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of: Visa Working Party/Mixed Committee
(EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)

on: 1-2 October 2008

Subject: **Summary of discussions**

1. Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Code on Visas

The outcome of discussions on this issue is set out in 13691/08 VISA 303 CODEC 1252 COMIX 707.

2. Other business

1) Visas for children - Visa fees

NL reminded delegations that, since the introduction of the photograph in the visa sticker, the child gets his/her own separate visa sticker in the same passport as his/her parent. Therefore, NL asked whether another visa fee had to be charged. The **representative of the Commission (COM)** replied that the provisions of Annex XII to the CCI do not address such an issue. COM suggested clarifying that issue in the draft Regulation establishing a Community Code on Visas, currently under examination.

2) "One person - one document" principle

FI drew attention to the fact that multiple visa stickers could be affixed to the same passport (where children are included in the parent's passport) in the case of a third-country national, whereas this would not be possible for EU citizens given the application of the "one person - one document" principle introduced in EU legislation, and stressed that third-country nationals would consequently be better treated than EU citizens. Furthermore, FI asked how such a situation would be processed in the Visa Information System (VIS).

COM replied that a file would be created for each applicant in the VIS, involving a link between files concerning the same family. Finally, COM indicated that the "one person - one document" principle resulted from the ICAO Recommendations and added that the Community could not impose this principle on third countries in relation to the travel documents they issue.

3) Schengen evaluations

HU raised the issue currently discussed within the Working Party on Schengen Evaluation (SCH-EVAL) concerning the new Schengen evaluation based on the principle of thematic/regional evaluations (see 13218/08). That evaluation could be carried out in the second half of 2008

DELETED. **HU** was of the opinion that at least coordination between the SCH-EVAL and the Visa Working Party would be necessary, given the expertise of the latter in that issue.

The **Chair** stressed that the matter would have to be included in the agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Working Party in order to define precisely the framework of the evaluation to be carried out by SCH-EVAL.

4) Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Turkey - standstill clause

In the context of questions submitted to the Court of Justice (see e.g. case C-228/06, Soysal and others), **COM** asked delegations to provide information on the date (year and month) on which their authorities introduced a visa requirement for Turkish nationals.

The **Chair** indicated that the rules applying to Turkish nationals implied that they required a visa, and a visa exemption constituted the exception. He therefore took the view that the question was rather whether and when Member States had introduced a visa exemption for Turkish nationals coming to the Schengen area with a view to providing services.
