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From:	Presidency
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Proposal for a 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 (Kosovo*) - Presidency statement

With a view to the meeting of the JHA Counsellors of 22 November 2022, delegations will find enclosed a Presidency statement to be entered in the minutes of the Coreper meeting adopting the negotiating mandate.

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* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

ANNEX

Statement by the Presidency

The Presidency recalls the importance that the Member States attach to the effective entry into operation of ETIAS within the deadlines set and invites the Member States and eu-Lisa to continue their preparation efforts to ensure that the deadlines agreed are met. ETIAS makes it possible to accompany the visa exemptions decided by the Union.

If ETIAS does not come into operation by the end of November 2023, despite the efforts of all stakeholders, the Commission, with the support of the agencies and in close cooperation with the Member States, is invited to carefully monitor the consequences of the implementation of this Regulation, in particular in the light of the criteria of Article 8(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1806. Frontex is invited, if requested, to assist the national authorities responsible for border management, in addressing the consequences of the lack of entry into operation of ETIAS within the planned timeframe.

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