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| From:    | General Secretariat of the Council   |
| To:      | Delegations  |
| Subject: | Draft Council conclusions on the establishment of the European Day of Safe Travel Abroad |

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Delegations will find in the Annex the draft Council conclusions on the Establishment of the European Day of Safe Travel Abroad, as agreed by the Consular Affairs Working Party (COCON) on 1 April 2025.

**DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS  
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EUROPEAN DAY OF SAFE TRAVEL ABROAD**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

RECALLING

- Article 20 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), which establishes citizenship of the Union,
- Paragraph 2, letter c of Article 20 TFEU, which grants to citizens of the Union the right to enjoy, in the territory of a third country in which the Member State of which they are nationals is not represented, the protection of the diplomatic and consular authorities of another Member State on the same conditions as the nationals of that State,
- Article 23 TFEU, which requires Member States to take the appropriate measures required to secure this protection,
- Directive (EU) 2015/637 on the coordination and cooperation measures to facilitate consular protection for unrepresented EU citizens in third countries

HAVING REGARD to the Eurobarometer 528, Citizenship and Democracy (2023), according to which 93% of EU citizens agree that EU Member States should cooperate closely to help EU citizens who need consular protection outside the EU.

STRESSING the benefit of increasing EU citizens' awareness of their right set out in paragraph 2, letter c of Article 20 TFEU.

UNDERLINING the positive impact that coordinated actions among Member States and between Member States and Union's institutions can have in raising awareness among EU citizens.

1. ESTABLISHES the European Day of Safe Travel Abroad. The European Day of Safe Travel Abroad, which will take place on the fourth Friday of May, aims to promote among EU citizens safe travel to third countries and proper preparation for holidays. The European Day of Safe Travel Abroad also aims to enhance EU citizens' awareness of good practices when travelling to third countries and of their right set out in paragraph 2, letter c of Article 20 TFEU, by increasing the visibility of and, where appropriate, creating synergies between initiatives at the Member State and EU level.
  2. INVITES Member States to simultaneously launch, or amplify, when appropriate, their respective awareness campaigns promoting safe travel to third countries on the European Day of Safe Travel Abroad.
  3. INVITES the European Commission and the High Representative to support and complement Member States' awareness campaigns promoting safe travel to third countries in the context of the European Day of Safe Travel Abroad.
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