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### OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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

on: 1-2 October 2008

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Subject: **Summary of discussions**

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#### 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.

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