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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas¹, and in particular Article 14(5a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 lays down the procedures and conditions for issuing visas for intended stays on the territory of the Member States that do not exceed 90 days in any 180-day period ('short-stay visas').
- (2) Article 48(1a), point (a), of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 provides that Member States and the Commission are to cooperate in preparing harmonised lists of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants, taking into account Article 14 of that Regulation.
- (3) Annex III to Commission Implementing Decision C(2017) 5853² sets out the list of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants in Ethiopia for short-stay visas. Annex IV to that Implementing Decision sets out the list of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants in South Africa for short-stay visas.
- (4) Following a renewed evaluation taking the assessment of local circumstances into account, the harmonised lists of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants in Ethiopia and South Africa need to be revised. Regarding Ethiopia, it is necessary to extend the period of coverage of the bank statements, refer to the national form of the Member State concerned as proof of sponsorship and/or private accommodation, add further requirements for official visits, and list the documents to be submitted by seafarers. Regarding South Africa, it is necessary to require entry and exit stamps to verify the correct use of previous visas, parents' information on birth certificates, and list the documents to be submitted for medical treatment and by seafarers.

¹ OJ L 243, 15.9.2009, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2009/810/oj>.

² Commission Implementing Decision C(2017) 5853 final of 30 August 2017 establishing the list of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants for short stay visas in Australia, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, South Africa, Thailand and Zambia.

- (5) For applicants that are known to a consulate for their integrity and reliability, that consulate may, under certain conditions, waive the requirements set out in Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009, in accordance with Article 14(6) of that Regulation. In justified cases, consulates may also request additional documents during the examination of a visa application, in accordance with Article 21(8) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009.
- (6) Given that Denmark decided to implement Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 which builds upon the Schengen *acquis* in its national law, in accordance with Article 4 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 bound under international law to implement this Decision.
- (7) This Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* in which Ireland does not take part in accordance with Protocol No 19 on the Schengen *acquis* integrated into the framework of the European Union, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and, subject to the application of Article 4 of that Protocol, Ireland is not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (8) As regards Iceland and Norway, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the latters' association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*³, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B, of Council Decision 1999/437/EC⁴.
- (9) As regards Switzerland, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*⁵, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B, of Decision 1999/437/EC, read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2008/146/EC⁶.
- (10) As regards Liechtenstein, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Protocol between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*⁷, which fall within the area referred to in Article

³ OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 36, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/1999/439\(1\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/1999/439(1)/oj).

⁴ Council Decision 1999/437/EC of 17 May 1999 on certain arrangements for the application of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the association of those two States with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 31, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/1999/437/oj>).

⁵ OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 52, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2008/178\(1\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2008/178(1)/oj).

⁶ Council Decision 2008/146/EC of 28 January 2008 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2008/146/oj>).

⁷ OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 21, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/prot/2011/349/oj>.

1, point B, of Decision 1999/437/EC read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2011/350/EU⁸.

- (11) As regards Cyprus, this Decision constitutes an act building upon, or otherwise relating to, the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of Article 3(2) of the 2003 Act of Accession.
- (12) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 52(1) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Implementing Decision C(2017) 5853 is amended as follows:

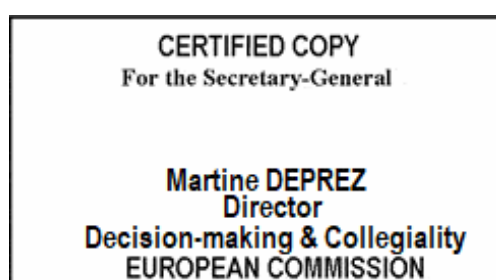
- (1) Annex III is replaced by the text in Annex I to this Decision;
- (2) Annex IV is replaced by the text in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Republic of Croatia, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden.

Done at Brussels, 18.6.2026

For the Commission
Magnus BRUNNER
Member of the Commission



⁸ Council Decision 2011/350/EU of 7 March 2011 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*, relating to the abolition of checks at internal borders and movement of persons (OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 19, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2011/350/oj>).