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Council Conclusions on Georgia - Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation

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The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"1. The Council reaffirms the EU's commitment to the shared objective of visa-free travel for the citizens of Georgia provided that all the conditions for well-managed and secure mobility as set out in the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation are in place.

2. In this context, it welcomes the Commission's second progress report of 29 October 2014 on the implementation of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation by Georgia. The Council also welcomes the Commission's assessment on possible migratory and security impacts on the European Union of future visa liberalisation for Georgia, and underlines its importance in the process of implementing the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation.

3. The Council shares the analysis that Georgia has fulfilled all the benchmarks under the first phase of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation, and decides to launch the assessment of the benchmarks under the second phase. In this regard the Council stresses the need for full and effective implementation of all benchmarks under the second phase and will pay particular attention to it.

4. The Council invites the Commission to continue supporting Georgia in implementing the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation, as well as to continue reporting about the implementation thereof, including updating the possible migratory and security impact, with a view to deciding on the fulfilment of all the benchmarks of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation."

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