EU/Antigua and Barbuda Agreement: short-stay visa waiver

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The European Parliament adopted, by 591 votes to 51 with 11 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and Antigua and Barbuda amending the Agreement between the European Community and Antigua and Barbuda on the short-stay visa waiver.

Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the agreement.

The new visa waiver agreement will enable citizens not only to derive full benefit from the ACP-EU partnership but continuing to participate in it by travelling at a reduced, economical and practical cost under a clearer and more coherent legal framework. It significantly deepens relations between the European Union and Antigua and Barbuda, which is of great political importance in the context of the Cotonou Agreement.