

# **Visas: Council implementing powers for examining visa applications, instrument Vision. Initiative Finland**

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In a letter dated 9 June 2000, the Council consulted the European Parliament on an Initiative of the Republic of Finland with a view to the adoption of a Regulation reserving to the Council implementing powers with regard to certain detailed provisions and practical procedures for examining visa applications. On 17 October 2000, the Council adopted a decision aiming to amend the Schengen Agreement in relation to the Schengen Consultation Network on the issue of the allocation of visas (Technical specifications of the VISION instrument). Following this decision and bearing in mind the fact that this instrument is part of the *acquis communautaire*, it was decided, in the Council, to include it in the Finish Initiative. The COREPER decided on 26 October 2000 to inform the European Parliament of this addition so that it could take it into account in its opinion.