

Visas: uniform format for forms for affixing visa for travel documents which are not recognised

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution by Mr Sérgio SOUSA PINTO (PES, P) subject to a few amendments. These include the inclusion of a new recital which states that within a period of five years after the entry into force of the treaty of Amsterdam, rules shall be adopted on visas for intended stays of no more than three months. Further attention must be given to new technical developments in order to ensure greater security in the uniform format of visas. Moreover, as stated in the conclusions of the of Tampere European Council, an active policy on visas and false documents should be further developed. The Parliament proposes that where the holder of a form for affixing a visa is accompanied by his or her dependant(s), each Member State shall issue separate sheets for affixing the visa to the principal and each of their dependant(s). Lastly, the period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be two months.