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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on liberalisation of visa arrangements with Kosovo

*The European Parliament*,

– having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2018/1806,

– having regard to the Council’s conclusions of 16 June 2003 ('Thessaloniki agenda'),

– having regard to the Visa Liberalisation Roadmap presented to Kosovo on 14 June 2012,

– having regard to the Commission proposal (COM(2016)0277),

– having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas, under the Thessaloniki agenda, Kosovo could be eligible for short-term visa liberalisation arrangements, the final condition having been met on 21 March 2018 by the border agreement with Montenegro;

B. whereas the roadmap includes conditions relating to corruption and minority rights;

1. Notes that Kosovo’s ranking on the Transparency International corruption perceptions index fell between 2017 and 2018;

2. Notes that, on 1 February 2019, the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo reported renewed tensions with the Serbian minority following the imposition of 100% customs duties on goods imported from Serbia and the transformation of the Kosovo Security Force into an army;

3. Asks the Council to refuse liberalisation of visa arrangements with Kosovo.