



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MIGRATION AND HOME AFFAIRS

The Director-General

Brussels,  
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Dear M. Moraes,

Pursuant to Article 8(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement, I hereby inform you that on 31 May 2019 the Netherlands notified the European Commission that it is confronted with the circumstances mentioned in Article 8(2)(a), (b), (d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 with regards to Albania. You can find attached the full text of the notification.

In accordance with Article 8(5) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1806, the Commission will proceed now to the examination of the notification and will inform the European Parliament and the Council of the results of its examination. On the basis of this examination, the Commission will decide whether action is needed on the basis of Article 8(6) of the above-mentioned Regulation.

Yours Sincerely,

Paraskevi MICHOU  
*[E-signed]*

Enclosure: Letter to Commissioner Avramopoulos 31 May 2019.  
c.c.: Mr Antoine CAHEN, European Parliament, Head of Unit,  
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs.

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