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| Subject: | Directive (EU) 2016/680 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes of the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Council Framework Decision 2008/977/JHA<br>- Notification from Switzerland |
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Delegations will find attached the notification from Switzerland of the approval by the Swiss Parliament of the federal act regarding the acceptance and implementation of the above-mentioned Directive.



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Dear Madam,

On 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016, the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union notified Switzerland the adoption of the following act in accordance with Article 7, paragraph 2 a, first sentence of the agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis (hereinafter referred to as "association agreement") signed in Luxemburg on 26 October 2004:

Directive (EU) 2016/680 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes of the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Council Framework Decision 2008/977/JHA

Switzerland notified on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 its readiness to accept, subject to the fulfilment of its constitutional requirements, the content of the aforementioned act and to implement it in its internal legal order (796.0-00-SD-181/2016).

With the present letter, Switzerland would like to inform the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, in accordance with the declaration by Switzerland on Article 7, paragraph 2 b of the association agreement, that the Swiss Parliament has approved the federal act regarding the acceptance and implementation of the aforementioned development of the Schengen acquis.

Switzerland will inform the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union without delay about the completion of each further stage of the internal procedure.

A copy of the present letter is addressed to the European Commission, General Secretariat, SG.A.3, Brussels.

Sincerely yours,

Head of Mission  
p.o.



Stephan Lauper  
Minister