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### **OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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Subject: Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2015 evaluation on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation by Liechtenstein

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Delegations will find in the annex the Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2015 evaluation on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation by Liechtenstein, adopted by the Council at its 3490th meeting held on 13 October 2016.

In line with Article 15(3) of Council Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 of 7 October 2013, this Recommendation will be forwarded to the European Parliament and national Parliaments.

Council Implementing Decision setting out a

**RECOMMENDATION**

**on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2015 evaluation on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation by Liechtenstein**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 of 7 October 2013 establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis and repealing the Decision of the Executive Committee of 16 September 1998 setting up a Standing Committee on the evaluation and implementation of Schengen<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The purpose of this recommendation is to recommend to Liechtenstein remedial action to address deficiencies identified during the Schengen evaluation in the field of police cooperation carried out in 2015. Following the evaluation, a report covering the findings and assessments and listing the best practices and deficiencies identified during the evaluation was adopted by Commission Implementing Decision [C(2016)3253].
- (2) Liechtenstein's legal regime for police cooperation is well established and is implemented on a day-to-day basis. Contacts with neighbouring states work on the basis of well-established links. A particular strong point is the trilateral police cooperation treaty with Austria and Switzerland creating a uniform legal framework for police cooperation between the three countries. Its revision will provide for an even deeper level of cooperation once it enters into force.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 295, 6.11.2013, p. 27.

- (3) It is important to remedy each of the deficiencies identified with the least possible delay. Therefore no indication of priority for implementation of the recommendations should be given.
- (4) This decision setting out a recommendation should be transmitted to the European Parliament and to the parliaments of the Member States. Within six months of its adoption, the evaluated Member State shall, pursuant to Article 16(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013, provide the Commission its assessment on a possible implementation of the recommendations, including indications of possible further improvements,

HEREBY RECOMMENDS:

Liechtenstein should

1. review the technical configuration of the eneXs search application system in order to optimise search results when using transliterations;
2. review the staffing of the International Police Cooperation unit in light of the workload, with a view to a possible increase in staff;
3. consider extending access to SIENA, to the Emergency Call and Dispatch Centre to ensure that SIENA messages can be checked outside the International Police Cooperation unit's working hours.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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