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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
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Subject:	Draft COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION on the automated data exchange with regard to vehicle registration data in Malta, Cyprus and Estonia, and replacing Council Decisions 2014/731/EU, 2014/743/EU and 2014/744/EU

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1. By its judgment of 22 September 2016 in Joined Cases C-14/15 and C-116/15, the Court of Justice annulled Council Decisions 2014/731/EU, 2014/743/EU and 2014/744/EU on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to Vehicle Registration Data (VRD) in Malta, Cyprus and Estonia, because those Decisions were adopted on the basis of Article 25(2) of the Council Decision 615/2008/JHA and consequently vitiated by two procedural defects, that is, on the one hand, a unanimity requirement for those Decisions, and, on the other hand, a lack of consultation of the European Parliament. In that judgment, however, the Court maintained the effects of those Decisions until the entry into force of new acts intended to replace them.
2. The Working Group on Information Exchange and Data Protection (DAPIX) approved at its meeting on 18 October 2016 the draft Council Implementing Decision, based on Article 33 of Council Decisions 2008/615/JHA, on the automated data exchange with regard to vehicle registration data (VRD) in Malta, Cyprus and Estonia, and replacing Council Decisions 2014/731/EU, 2014/743/EU and 2014/744/EU.

3. As required by the applicable Treaty provisions, the Council decided on 13 December 2016 to consult the European Parliament on the above draft Council Implementing Decision, as reviewed by the lawyer linguists and set out in 13499/16 JAI 853 DAPIX 178 CRIMORG 131 ENFOPOL 357 ENFOCUSTOM 166.
  4. The European Parliament gave its opinion on 5 April 2017.
  5. *On this basis, COREPER is requested to invite the Council to adopt as an "A" item on its agenda the draft Council Implementing Decision with regard to vehicle registration data (VRD) in Malta, Cyprus and Estonia, and replacing Council Decisions 2014/731/EU, 2014/743/EU and 2014/744/EU, as set out in 13499/16 JAI 853 DAPIX 178 CRIMORG 131 ENFOPOL 357 ENFOCUSTOM 166).*
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