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Subject: Draft Council Conclusions on the implementation of the general provisions on data protection of Chapter 6 of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA
- Evaluation of Latvia with regard to automated exchange of vehicle registration data (VRD)

Delegations will find enclosed the draft Council Conclusions on the implementation of the general provisions on data protection of Chapter 6 of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA/ ("Prüm Decision") concerning Latvia with regard to automated data exchange of vehicle registration data, as agreed by the Working Party on Information Exchange and Data Protection (DAPIX) at its meeting on 2 September 2015.

DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS
on the implementation of the general provisions on data protection
of chapter 6 of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA

Evaluation of Latvia with regard to automated exchange of Vehicle Registration Data

1. According to Article 25(2) of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA, the supply of personal data provided for under the Decision may not take place until the provisions on data protection set out in Chapter 6 of the Decision have been implemented in the national law of the territories of the Member States involved in such supply. The Council must unanimously decide whether this condition has been met. This provision does not apply to those Member States where the supply of personal data as provided for in the Decision has already started pursuant to the "Prüm Treaty" (2005).
2. According to Article 20 of Council Decision 2008/616/JHA, the verification that the above condition has been met is to be done on the basis of an evaluation report based on a questionnaire. With respect to automated data exchange in accordance with Chapter 2 of Decision 2008/615/JHA, the evaluation report is also to be based on an evaluation visit and a pilot run.
3. According to Chapter 4, point 1.1, of the Annex to Decision 2008/616/JHA, the questionnaire drawn up by the relevant Council Working Group concerns each of the automated data exchanges and has to be answered by a Member State as soon as it believes it fulfils the prerequisites for sharing data in the relevant data category.
4. **Latvia** has completed the questionnaire on data protection and the questionnaire on **vehicle registration data (VRD)** exchange. A successful pilot run has been carried out by **Latvia** with the **Netherlands**. An evaluation visit has taken place in **Latvia** and a report on the evaluation visit has been produced by the **Dutch/Lithuanian** evaluation team and forwarded to the relevant Council Working Group (**10967/15 JAI 570 DAPIX 128 CRIMORG 79 ENFOPOL 210 ENFOCUSTOM 75**).

5. An overall evaluation report, summarising the results of the questionnaire, the evaluation visit and the pilot run concerning **vehicle registration data (VRD)** exchange has been presented to the Council (**10968/15 JAI 571 DAPIX 129 CRIMORG 80 ENFOPOL 211 ENFOCUSTOM 76**).
6. At the meeting of the **Working Party on Information Exchange and Data Protection (DAPIX)** on **2 September 2015**, it was acknowledged that each Member State bound by Decision **2008/615/JHA** agrees that the conditions are fulfilled for the Council to conclude that for the purposes of automated data exchange with regard to **VRD, Latvia** has fully implemented the general provisions on data protection of Chapter 6 of Decision **2008/615/JHA**.
7. On this basis, the Council concludes that for the purposes of automated data exchange with regard to **VRD, Latvia** has fully implemented the general provisions on data protection of Chapter 6 of Decision **2008/615/JHA**.
