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Statement of the Commission

The Commission recognises the importance of increasing the efficiency of restrictive measures against third country nationals by effectively prohibiting their entry or transit in the Schengen area. To this end it fully supports the initiative of the Presidency. It has to be underlined, however, that the implementation of such restrictive measures are primarily the responsibility of Member States since (i) they are provided for in CFSP decisions and (ii) Member States have exclusive access to SIS II. Therefore, the successful outcome of a coordinated review mechanism can only be achieved if Member States do their utmost on improving data quality and national procedures.