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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Draft Council Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2015 evaluation of the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the Schengen Information System by Austria

1. Following the Council's adoption, in 2013, of Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis, a team of experts from the Member States and the Commission carried out an evaluation of Austria's implementation of the Schengen acquis in the field of the Schengen Information System in March 2015.
2. In accordance with that Regulation, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Recommendation designed to address the deficiencies identified in the course of the evaluation and ensure that Austria applies all Schengen rules related to the Schengen Information System correctly and effectively.
3. The Working Party for Schengen Matters (Evaluation), including the Mixed Committee partners Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, approved the proposal for a Council Recommendation on 2 February 2016.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to recommend that the Council adopt the Recommendation, as set out in 5864/1/16 REV 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.
