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Delegations will find attached the notification from Switzerland on the ongoing constitutional procedures regarding the acceptance and implementation of the above-mentioned Directive.



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Dear Madam,

On 31 May 2017, the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union notified Switzerland the adoption of the following act in accordance with Article 7, paragraph 2 a, first sentence of the agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis (hereinafter referred to as "association agreement") signed in Luxembourg on 26 October 2004:

Directive (EU) 2017/853 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2017 amending Council Directive 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons

Switzerland notified on 16 June 2017 its readiness to accept, subject to the fulfilment of its constitutional requirements, the content of the aforementioned act and to implement it in its internal legal order (796.0-00-SD-194/2017).

With the present letter, Switzerland would like to inform the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, in accordance with the declaration by Switzerland on Article 7, paragraph 2 b of the association agreement, that a referendum has been requested on the federal act regarding the acceptance and implementation of the aforementioned development of the Schengen acquis. The referendum vote will be held on 19 May 2019.

In accordance with Article 7, paragraph 2 b of the association agreement, Switzerland will inform the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union without delay about the fulfilment of its constitutional requirements.

A copy of the present letter is addressed to the European Commission, General Secretariat, SG.A.3, Brussels.

Sincerely yours,

Head of Mission
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Minister