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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
No. Cion doc.:	7523/24+ADD 1
Subject:	Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on an agreement between the European Union and the Principality of Andorra on several aspects in the field of border management – Adoption

1. On 8 March 2024, the Commission submitted to the Council a recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on an agreement between the European Union and the Principality of Andorra on several aspects in the field of border management, together with negotiating directives, as set out in document 7523/24+ADD 1.
2. At their meeting on 20 March 2024, the Working Party on Frontiers examined the above recommendation and the negotiating directives. Based on the comments from delegations, the Presidency presented a compromise proposal at the subsequent meeting of the Working Party on 2 May 2024. The proposal received broad support.
3. Following legal-linguistic revision, the text of the draft Council Decision is set out in document 9836/24.

4. This Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* in which Ireland does not take part, in accordance with Council Decision 2002/192/EC of 28 February 2002 concerning Ireland's request to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis*¹. Ireland is therefore not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
5. In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
6. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is requested
 - to invite the Council to adopt the Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on an agreement between the European Union and the Principality of Andorra on several aspects in the field of border management, which refers to the negotiating directives as set out in document 9836/24 ADD 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting; and
 - to request the publication of the text of the decision as adopted by the Council in the Official Journal of the European Union.

¹ OJ L 64, 7.3.2002, p. 20.