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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 20/2019: "EU information systems supporting border control - a strong tool, but more focus needed on timely and complete data"
- Draft Council conclusions

1. On 11 November 2019, the General Secretariat of the Council received the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 20/2019 "EU information systems supporting border control - a strong tool, but more focus needed on timely and complete data".
2. Pursuant to the rules laid down in the Council conclusions on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors¹, the Permanent Representatives Committee, at its meeting on 27 November 2019, instructed the Working Party on Information Exchange and Data Protection with the appropriate involvement of the JHA Counsellors to examine the report² according to the rules laid down in the above-mentioned conclusions.

¹ Doc. 7515/00 + COR 1.

² Doc. 14182/19.

3. The JHA Counsellors examined the report at their meeting on 5 December 2019 and held an exchange of views on it. Building on the report and on the discussions held at this occasion, the Presidency prepared draft Council conclusions. The text of the draft Council conclusions, as set out in the Annex to this note, was agreed in principle by delegations in the framework of a silence procedure which was concluded on 9 January 2020.
 4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to approve the draft Council conclusions as set out in the Annex to this note and to submit them to the Council for adoption as an 'A' item on the agenda of one of its next meetings.
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DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 20/2019

"EU information systems supporting border control - a strong tool, but more focus needed on timely and complete data"

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION:

1. THANKS the European Court of Auditors for the Special Report No 20/2019 entitled "EU information systems supporting border control - a strong tool, but more focus needed on timely and complete data";
2. TAKES GOOD NOTE of the conclusions and recommendations in the Special Report;
3. CONSIDERS the Special Report a useful contribution to reflections of Member States on how to improve the efficiency of border checks;
4. RECOGNISES in particular the importance of :
 - promoting the use of the central SIS II and VIS training environments;
 - speeding up the correction of weaknesses detected during Schengen evaluations;
 - analysing discrepancies in visa checks;
 - improving data quality procedures; and
 - reducing delays in data entries.
5. INVITES the European Court of Auditors to keep the Council informed of future audit reports on the same issue once the interoperability framework in the field of justice and home affairs has been implemented.