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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee  
Subject: Attendance of representatives of the Schengen Associated Countries at the AHWP MFF - National and Regional Partnerships on 15 April 2026

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1. On 15 April 2026, the AHWP MFF – National and Regional Partnerships will discuss the relation between the NRPP regulation proposal and the sectoral proposals for the Justice and Home Affairs policies, in particular as regards the NRPP provisions that are relevant to Schengen Associated Countries.
2. The Presidency intends to invite representatives of the Schengen Associated Countries (Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein) to the meeting so that they can share their views on relevant provisions.
3. The Presidency considers that this invitation is in the interest of the Council and in line with the framework applicable to the occasional presence of third parties at meetings of the Council or of its preparatory bodies.
4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the attendance of the representatives of the Schengen Associated Countries at the meeting of the AHWP MFF - National and Regional Partnerships on 15 April 2026 for the specific agenda item, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Council's Rules of Procedure.