Agreement on operational and strategic cooperation between Georgia and European Police Office (Europol)

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The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs adopted, in the framework of a special legislative procedure (Parliament's consultation), the report by Claude MORAES (S&D, UK) on the draft Council implementing decision approving the conclusion by the European Police Office (Europol) of the Agreement on Operational and Strategic Cooperation between Georgia and Europol.

The committee called on the European Parliament to **approve the Council draft**.

The explanatory memorandum accompanying the report recalled that this proposal concerns the proposed approval of an operational and strategic agreement between Europol and Georgia, providing for the exchange of information, including personal data. Such information could be in the field of specialist knowledge, general situation reports, results of strategic analysis, information on criminal investigation procedures, information on crime-prevention methods, and support in individual criminal investigations.

From that perspective, the committee supported the conclusion of this strategic and operational cooperation agreement with Georgia would thus aid and reinforce the fight against terrorism and organized crime, which is international by definition.