Schengen Information System (SIS): application of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in Croatia

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The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs adopted the report by Nuno MELO (EPP, PT) on the proposal for a Council decision on the application of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in the area of the Schengen Information System in Croatia.

The committee called on the European Parliament to approve, as presented, the Commission proposal.

Members recalled that in line with Article 4(2) of Croatia's Act of Accession to the European Union certain provisions of the Schengen acquis are already applicable in Croatia from the date of accession, while other provisions only apply pursuant to a Council Decision to that effect after verification that the necessary conditions for the application of all parts of that acquis have been met. This verification is done in accordance with the relevant Schengen evaluation procedures.

This draft decision concerning the application of the provisions relating to the Schengen Information System (SIS) in Croatia is a very first step towards lifting checks at the EU internal borders to Croatia.