Arrangement with Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein: participation in the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice

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PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the Union, the Arrangement between the European Union, of the one part, and Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, of the other part, on the participation by those States in the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council established the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice. It provided that, under the relevant provisions of their association agreements, arrangements are to be made in order to specify the nature and extent of, and the detailed rules for, the participation of countries associated with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis and Eurodac-related measures in the work of the Agency, including provisions on financial contributions, staff and voting rights.

The Commission negotiated an arrangement between the European Union and these countries which was signed on 8 November 2018 subject to its conclusion.

On 14 November 2018 Regulation (EU) 2018/1726 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA) was adopted and replaces and succeeds the Agency, as established by Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011.

It is now necessary to conclude the arrangement on behalf of the Union.

CONTENT: the Council seeks to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Arrangement between the European Union, of the one part, and Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, of the other part, on the participation by those States in the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice.