

# **Schengen Convention: access for vehicle registration authorities to the Information System SIS, amending the Convention**

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During the second reading Parliament adopted 3 amendments and the Commission fully accepts them. These amendments intend to :

- update the text in order to take account of the fact that the Dutch initiative to which the Council Common position referred to and which has in the meantime been adopted;
- take account of Switzerland's forthcoming accession to the Schengen acquis on which this measure constitutes a development;
- request an annual report from the Council to the EP about the implementation of the proposed access to vehicle registration authorities to combat vehicle crime. It is proposed that the Council and not the Commission sends the report to the EP. In fact, the Commission has no responsibility for the management of the current SIS. Second, a general wording is introduced to clarify that the preparation of these statistics will not imply for the Member States to introduce technical changes at national level. In fact, the report will generally include information and statistics relating to the use and results of the implementation of this Article.