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Subject:	Draft Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of **Croatia** on fulfilling the conditions necessary for the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of **management of the external borders (revisit land border)**

1. Following the Council's adoption of Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis, a team of experts from the Member States and the Commission carried out an evaluation of Croatia of the conditions necessary for the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of management of the external border (revisit) in 2019.

2. In accordance with that Regulation, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation designed to address the deficiencies identified in the course of the evaluation and ensure that Croatia fulfils all necessary conditions for the application of the Schengen rules related to the management of the external border.

3. The Working Party for Schengen Matters (Evaluation), including the Mixed Committee partners Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, approved the proposal for the Council Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation on 15 September 2020.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to recommend that the Council adopt the draft Council Implementing Decision, as set out in 10798/20, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.