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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee |
| No. prev. doc.: | 11288/20 |
| Subject: | Draft Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of **Slovakia** on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of **police cooperation** - Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption |

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 Slovakia on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation 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 Slovakia applies all Schengen rules related to police cooperation correctly and effectively.

3. The Working Party for Schengen Matters (Evaluation), including the Mixed Committee partners Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, agreed on the proposal for the Council Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation on 25 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 11288/20;

- to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430, that the Council uses the written procedure for its adoption.