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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Draft Council Implementing Decision setting out recommendations addressing the deficiencies identified in the evaluation of **Cyprus** in view of fulfilling the conditions necessary for the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of **data protection** - 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 Cyprus in view of fulfilling the conditions necessary for the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of data protection in 2019.

2. In accordance with that Regulation, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendations designed to address the deficiencies identified in the course of the evaluation and ensure that Cyprus applies all Schengen rules related to data protection 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 recommendations on 15 December 2020.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked:

- to recommend that the Council adopt the draft Council Implementing Decision, as set out in 14245/20;

- 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.