

External borders: simplified regime for the control of persons, based on the unilateral recognition by the Member States of certain residence permits issued by Switzerland and Liechtenstein, for the purpose of transit through their territory

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The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs unanimously adopted the report by Panayiotis **DEMETRIOU** (EPP-ED, CY) amending, under the 1st reading of the codecision procedure, the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision N° 896/2006 /EC establishing a simplified regime for the control of persons at the external borders based on the unilateral recognition by the Member States of certain residence permits issued by Switzerland and Liechtenstein for the purpose of transit through their territory.

A series of technical amendments were made by the committee in order to align the text with the original Decision N° 896/2006/EC in particular as regards the territorial provisions.

MEPs also reinstated a certain number of original measures from the 2006 decision on the participation of Iceland and Norway to the regime, as well as the non participation of Ireland and the United Kingdom to the decision.