EU/EC/Switzerland/Liechtenstein agreement: protocol on the accession of Liechtenstein to the EC/Switzerland agreement on Switzerland's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis

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The European Parliament adopted, by 619 votes in favour to 12 against with 54 abstentions, under the consultation procedure, a legislative resolution approving the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of a Protocol between the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement on the Swiss Confederation?s association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis, with one single amendment of a legal nature. The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Ewa KLAMT (EPP-ED, DE) on behalf of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs.

Parliament approved the conclusion of the Protocol but felt that this proposal required the assent, and not merely a consultation, of the European Parliament. It amended the legal basis of the proposal from the first subparagraph of Article 300 (3) to the second subparagraph of Article 300 (3). Parliament indicated that it reserves the right to defend the prerogatives as conferred by the Treaty to the European Parliament in this matter.