



Romanian Parliament
Senate

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OPINION

of the ROMANIAN SENATE

regarding the *COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL Eighth biannual report on the functioning of the Schengen area 1 May - 10 December 2015 - COM (2015) 675 final*

The Romanian Senate examined the *COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL Eighth biannual report on the functioning of the Schengen area 1 May - 10 December 2015* – according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no. 1).

Taking into account the report of April 26, 2016 of the permanent Committee for European Affairs, **the Plenum of the Senate**, during its session of May 3, 2016, decided as follows:

I. The following are noted:

- a. The permanent and growing concern of EU to manage most effectively migration flow to internal and external borders;
- b. The support for strengthening Schengen framework by:
 1. SIS;
 2. Issuing alerts for performing direct or specific checks;
 3. Completing an initial set of common risk indicators regarding foreign fighters.
- c. Compliance of Romania in
 1. Taking over the incident provisions and their responsible application;
 2. Ensuring legislative harmonization;
 3. Respecting its obligations as a Schengen member state, even if due to international political reasons, Romania has not been granted this status.

II. The following are considered crucial:

- a. The permanent concern to eliminate the deficiencies in the implementation of the EU acquis;
- b. Keeping the temporary nature of the reintroduction of internal border controls;
- c. Optimal implementation of the proportionality depending on the level of threats;
- d. Keeping the responsibility of Member States legal regulations at internal borders.

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