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to the Commission
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Subject: When will the Schengen information system be upgraded to improve EU citizens'
               security?

The Schengen information system (SIS) is a computerised information system used by the EU
Member States to manage better the common policy on controlling entry to the Schengen area and to
ensure public safety. It helps with the management of border control, security and migration.

In 2018, new rules were introduced to strengthen the SIS. These should result in new kinds of alerts
for cases linked to terrorism and improve coordination between police forces and coast guards. This
new interoperability is due to be operational after 2023 and will provide one single interface for
searches, as well as a biometric comparison service to facilitate the identification of any one
individual.

1.   With Member States' needs becoming ever more urgent as they face à rising tide of migration,
      and terrorism still as big a threat in Europe as ever, can the Commission say what progress has
      been made on work on the announced improvements to the Schengen information system?

2.   Can it give a precise date for when these improvements will be deployed?