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Subject: Timetable and vote for the accession of Romania, Bulgaria and Croatia to the Schengen Area

Even though Romania, Bulgaria and Croatia have fulfilled the technical requirements for accession to the Schengen Area for many years, and the multiple evaluations by the Commission have found them to offer positive examples of border security management, they have not been granted member status.

In view of the above, and of the priorities of the Czech EU Council Presidency:

1. What is the Council's timetable for the accession of these states to the Schengen Area?
2. Does the Justice and Home Affairs Council intend to vote on the enlargement of the Schengen Area during its meeting in December 2022?

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