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Article 79 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 foresees that Frontex ‘shall take over and operate the False and Authentic Documents Online (FADO) system established in accordance with Joint Action 98/700/JHA’. Recital 96 of the same Regulation indicates the intention for the Agency to ‘take over the administration and the operational and technical management of the FADO system from the General Secretariat of the Council as soon as the European Parliament and the Council have adopted the relevant legal act on the FADO system replacing Joint Action 98/700/JHA’. This took place in 2020 with the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2020/493.

As of June 2026, the Commission has not yet adopted the implementing act determining the date of the effective implementation of the FADO system by Frontex (Article 6(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2020/493) and consequently the General Secretariat of the Council is still operating the FADO system in accordance with Joint Action 98/700/JHA. The adoption by the Commission of the implementing act determining the date of the effective implementation of the FADO system is subject to the conditions listed in Article 6(2) of Regulation (EU) 2020/493, which include two notifications by Frontex to the Commission. By mid-May 2026, Frontex had not yet made these notifications.

Against this background, the Honourable Member is invited to address questions regarding the takeover of the FADO system by Frontex to the European Commission.