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Dear FACE Members,

On Monday 9.5.2016 the LIBE Committee voted on the Draft opinion on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 91/477/EC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons (Rapporteur: Bodil Valero, Greens, SE).

The outcome is very positive for hunters and sport shooters and sends a message to the European Commission and the Council that the Parliament is firmly against many of the proposed amendments. The positive outcome of this vote is the first tangible effect of the good work of FACE.

Here's a summary of the rejected amendments:

1. Statement that collectors are a source of trafficking of firearms;
2. Removal of collectors' exemption from the directive;
3. Reclassification and ban of B7 firearms;
4. Ban on sales of government firearms to civilians;
5. Classification of magazines as essential parts;
6. Restriction on magazine capacity;
7. Classification of silencers as essential parts;
8. Excise tax on firearms, components and ammunition;
9. Introduction of mandatory liability insurance for firearms owners;
10. Introduction of standard medical tests;
11. Five year maximum term for permits;
12. Marking of bullets.

Summary of approved amendments:

1. Marking of all essential components in firearms;
2. Introduction of storage guidelines into the directive (leaving to MS to define);
3. Joint database.

Work now needs to continue with the IMCO Committee voting own amendments on the 27th of June and with the Council of the EU. The FACE Firearms Expert Group will meet in Brussels on the 18th of May to discuss the next steps.

Kind regards,

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