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Swiss Vote in Referendum to Impose More Restrictive Gun Laws

Swiss voters agreed on Sunday to introduce (1)_____ gun laws, in a move designed to ensure that Switzerland (2)_____ with European Union antiterrorism legislation following attacks in Paris and elsewhere.

The referendum proposition was hotly debated in Switzerland, which has maintained (3)_____ military service and has a long tradition of marksmanship.

In the run-(4)_____ to the referendum, the government had warned voters that Switzerland, which is not a (5)_____ state of the European Union but adopts many of its rules, could be expelled from the Schengen area — which allows free movement among 26 European countries — if it rejected the proposal.

Polling stations closed at midday local (6)_____, and the final results showed that almost 64 percent voted in favour of the new gun controls, in line with what opinion polls had predicted. (7)_____ was about 43 percent.

Opponents conceded defeat but warned that the new regulations would (8)_____ traditional values.

“By approving stricter gun control, Switzerland has given (9)_____ to pressure by the EU,” Lukas Reimann of the People’s Party told the local public broadcaster.

But Daniel Jositsch, a Social Democratic senator, was (10)_____ by news outlets as saying that the decision meant improved security for Switzerland and helped relations with Brussels.

(11)_____ the new law, Swiss gun owners will have to register their weapons, together with any extra gun components and ammunition, with the authorities. It is not yet known when the new laws will come into (12)_____.

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| 1. | A tougher | B harder | C heavier | D sharper |
| 2. | A follows | B respects | C complies | D abides |
| 3. | A coercive | B complacent | C compelling | D compulsory |
| 4. | A through | B up | C out | D off |
| 5. | A a partner | B a member | C an associate | D a community |
| 6. | A clock | B fuse | C hour | D time |
| 7. | A Turn-up | B Turnaround | C Turnout | D Turnover |
| 8. | A undermine | B underpin | C underscore | D understate |
| 9. | A in | B off | C up | D on |
| 10. | A cited | B quoted | C mentioned | D referred |
| 11. | A In | B According | C By | D Under |
| 12. | A value | B vigour | C force | D strength |

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Louvre exhibition excludes Salvator Mundi over authenticity doubts

Salvator Mundi, the world's (13) _____ expensive painting, will not be part of this year's big Leonardo da Vinci show in Paris because curators at the Louvre do not believe it can be reliably (14) _____ to the artist, according to reports.

The art historian and writer Ben Lewis has followed the remarkable story of a painting which made headlines all over the world when it (15) _____ for \$450m (£354m) at Christie's in New York in 2017.

Some of the world's leading Leonardo experts, (16) _____ Martin Kemp, emeritus professor of art history at Oxford, insist it is genuinely the lost work of the Italian master.

(17) _____ are more sceptical or dismissive.

The buyer has been (18) _____ as the crown prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman, who reportedly agreed that it would go (19) _____ display in the Louvre Abu Dhabi. It was also due to be lent to the Louvre in Paris for its big Leonardo show marking the 500th (20) _____ anniversary of his death.

However, the exhibition in Abu Dhabi was unexpectedly cancelled last year and the loan of the painting to Paris in the autumn will not (21) _____ place, Lewis told the Hay literary festival.

"The curators at the Louvre tell me that the painting cannot be exhibited as 'autograph' [i.e. painted by Leonardo himself] but only as 'workshop' [i.e. painted by Leonardo's studio assistants]. This would (22) _____ its value to fall to about \$1.5m (£1.2m), and the owner is very (23) _____ to lend the picture in these circumstances."

Lewis is the (24) _____ of the book *The Last Leonardo*, charting the painting's extraordinary and tangled story.

New 100- and 200-Euro Notes Are Safer, Sturdier and Vegan-Friendly

New 100- and 200-euro bank notes entered circulation on Tuesday, completing the European Central Bank's overhaul of paper money, which is designed to (25) _____ it easier to handle and more counterfeit-resistant.

The new notes — (26) _____ about \$112 and \$224 — have a shinier finish and more security features, and are more durable than their predecessors, the central bank said. They are also vegan-friendly, (27) _____ the polymer bills released by the Bank of England in 2016 and 2017, which contain beef fat.

A spokeswoman for the European Central Bank, which manages the EU's single

(28) _____ in the 19 countries that have adopted it, said that there was

(29) _____ trace of any animal-based products in the bills' raw materials. "The paper we use in euro bank notes is made of 100 percent cotton fibre," she said.

The height of the new bills has been reduced — they are now the (30) _____ height as a €50 bank note, 77 mm high, or about three inches — but their length remains unchanged, at 147 mm for the €100 bill and 153 mm for the €200 bill.