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from: Daniel LeCrubier, Permanent Representation of France to the European Union
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to: Mr Javier SOLANA, Secretary-General/High Representative
Subject: Reintroduction of border checks pursuant to Article 2.2 of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement

Delegations will find attached the text of the letters.
Brussels, 26 May 2004

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Sir,

I have the honour to enclose the French Government's decision to reintroduce checks at the borders between France, Germany, Spain and Italy from 1 to 8 June 2004 on the occasion of the ceremonies marking the 60th anniversary of the landings. These ceremonies will take place in France in the Calvados department on 5, 6, and 7 June 2004.

Yours faithfully,

Daniel LECRUBER

Mr Javier SOLANA
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Sir,

As you know, on 5, 6 and 7 June 2004 France is organising ceremonies to mark the 60th anniversary of the landings. These ceremonies will be take place in the Calvados department.

Information recently gathered by France's specialised police services point both to the existence of terrorist threats linked to the present international situation and to the possibility of serious public order disturbances presented by various protest groups.

The French Government, which is implementing security measures on its territory, has therefore decided to reintroduce temporarily checks from 1 to 8 June inclusive at its land borders with Germany, Italy and Spain in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 2.2 of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement.

The French Government has contacted the authorities of the States concerned seeking their assistance in implementing this decision.

Yours faithfully,

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