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from: General Secretariat  
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Subject : Crossing the internal borders: communication from the German delegation concerning the measures taken pursuant to Article 2(2), second sentence of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement

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Delegations will find attached a letter from the German delegation communicating the above information.

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Federal Minister for the Interior

To  
the Secretary-General of the Council and  
High Representative for Common  
Foreign and Security Policy  
Mr Javier Solana  
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6 July 2000

Sir,

The Iranian State President, Mr Khatami, will be staying in the Federal Republic of Germany from 10 to 12 July 2000.

The visit, to which Germany attaches great importance, presents the competent authorities with particular tasks when it comes to guaranteeing the guest's security. We have information to the effect that Iranian opposition groups, some of which are based outside Germany, are planning large-scale disturbances.

Germany will therefore avail itself of the possibility under Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention of reintroducing internal border checks temporarily between 00.00 on 7 July and 14.00 on 12 July of this year. The borders affected are those with the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, France and Austria. Cross-border traffic will be subject to controls at road and rail crossings and at Frankfurt/Main, Munich and Berlin airports for flights from the aforementioned countries.

Mr Secretary-General, I would ask you to take note of this measure and notify both the EU Member States and the European Commission accordingly. I have already informed the French Minister for the Interior, who is also exercising the functions of the Council Presidency, and the interior ministers of Austria, Belgium and the Netherlands, as well as Luxembourg's Minister of Justice.

Pursuant to Executive Committee Decision of 20 December 1999 (SCH/Com-ex (95) 20, 2 rev) concerning the procedure for applying Article 2(2) of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement, I have also instructed that information be exchanged at the level of the border authorities.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

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