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Subject : Reintroduction of border checks on the basis of Article 2(2) of the Schengen
Convention

Delegations will find annexed hereto the text of two letters received by the General Secretariat on 9 July 2005 concerning the reintroduction of checks at the borders between France on the one hand and Germany, Spain and Italy on the other hand for a one-month period as from 9 July 2005.

PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF FRANCE
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

Justice and Home Affairs Department

Brussels, 9 July 2005

Subject: Reintroduction of border checks on the basis of Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention

Sir,

Please find enclosed the French Government's decision to reintroduce border checks, under an emergency procedure, between France, Germany, Spain and Italy for a one-month period starting at 8.00 on 9 July 2005. Following the events which occurred in London on 7 July, there are serious risks of a terrorist attack on French soil.

(Complimentary close).

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FRENCH REPUBLIC

PRIME MINISTER
Inter-Departmental Committee for European
economic cooperation questions
General Secretariat

8 July 2005

Sir,

Following the events which occurred in London on 7 July, there are serious risks of a terrorist attack on French soil.

The French Government has therefore decided to reintroduce checks at land borders between France on the one hand and Germany, Spain and Italy on the other.

This measure will come into force for a one-month period from 8.00 on 9 July 2005.

In accordance with Decision SCH/COMEX 20 Rev 2 of 20 December 1995, I would be grateful if you could inform forthwith the members of the Council of the European Union (Justice and Home Affairs), the two member states of the Joint Committee which do not belong to the European Union, and the European Commission.

The French Government has contacted the authorities of the three Member States concerned to ensure that they assist in implementing this decision.

(Complimentary close).

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