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from : Austrian Minister for the Interior, Dr Ernst STRASSER

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to : Secretary General/High Representative, Mr Javier SOLANA

Subject : Application of Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention

Please find attached a copy of a letter regarding the matter above.

Vienna, 19 August 2002

Dear Sir,

The European Economic Summit 2002 is to be held in Austria from 15 to 17 September 2002.

In the light of developments thus far it is to be expected that, under certain circumstances, the Summit might be affected by a threat to public security. Austria has therefore decided temporarily to reinstate border controls along the land borders between Germany and Italy and at Salzburg Airport in accordance with Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention.

This measure will be limited to the period from 9 to 17 September 2002.

In accordance with Decision SCH/Com-Ex 20 Rev 2 of 20 December 1995, may I request that you inform the Schengen States of this measure by Austria and ask you also to respond by tightening controls accordingly so as to counter as best as possible the abovementioned threat to public security.

For the occasion I have once again set up a special situation centre within my department which can be reached during the period in which border controls are reinstated by telephone at +43-1-53126-3200, by fax at +43-1-53126-32110 and by e-mail at GD-journal@bmi.gv.at.

Please would you also pass on the above information to the Schengen States and forward any comments to Austria through one of the above channels.

I shall also inform my colleagues in the European Union of the measures taken and – as has already been the case throughout preparations for the Summit – closely coordinate measures which need to be adopted, in particular with Austria's neighbouring countries, so as to minimise any disruption of traffic.

Thank you very much for your support.

Yours sincerely,
