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Delegations will find annexed hereto the text of the letter received by the General Secretariat on 4 August 2005 concerning the extension of 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 August 2005.

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FRENCH REPUBLIC

Paris, 4 August 2005

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Sir,

The events which occurred in London on 7 July 2005 and the serious risks of a terrorist attack on French territory led the French Government to reintroduce checks at land borders between France on the one hand and Germany, Spain and Italy on the other hand, in accordance with the procedure provided for under Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention, for a one-month period as from 9 July 2005; I informed you of this by letter dated 8 July 2005.

Following the further attacks carried out in London on 21 July 2005, and owing to the continued terrorist threat, the French Government has decided to prolong this measure for a further month as from 9 August 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 continue to assist in implementing this decision.

(Complimentary close).

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