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from : Spanish delegation  
to : Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee  
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Subject : **Temporary reintroduction of border checks at the internal borders under Article 23(1) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)**

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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 29 September 2009 concerning the temporary reintroduction of land border controls between Spain and France on 26 and 27 September 2009.

*The Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Spain  
to the European Union*

Mr Ivan BIZJAK  
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Justice and Home Affairs  
General Secretariat of the Council  
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Brussels, 24 September 2009

Sir,

I enclose a copy of the decision adopted by the State Secretary for Security of the Spanish Government reintroducing checks at border crossings with France in the provinces of Guipúzcoa and Navarra on 26 and 27 September.

This decision has been taken under Articles 25 et seq. of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Schengen Borders Code). The original was sent by regular post.

Complimentary close.

(s.)

Carlos Bastarreche Sagües

**DECISION OF THE STATE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY OF 23 SEPTEMBER  
TWO THOUSAND AND NINE REINTRODUCING CHECKS AT THE SPANISH-FRENCH  
BORDER IN GUIPÚZCOA AND NAVARRA**

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It has come to our attention that on 26 and 27 September 2009 the "Gudari Eguna" (Basque warrior day) will be celebrated in the Autonomous Communities of the Basque Country and Navarra (Spain), and in the department of Pyrénées-Orientales (France).

This celebration is promoted by radical groups and individuals close to the ETA terrorist organisation and its sympathisers. Given the significance of this event for the aforementioned groups and individuals, the existence of the French-Spanish border between the two regions and the risk that trouble-making elements could exploit this occasion to cause serious threats to public order, special security measures need to be adopted.

Accordingly, this department proposes to apply the provisions laid down in Article 25 et seq. of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) in order to carry out **checks on the border with France** in accordance with the specifications set out in the attached report.

The aforementioned checks will be flexible and geared to the situation, in accordance with the information provided by the competent departments.

This communication is provided in order to meet the information requirement under Article 27 of the legal text referred to.

THE STATE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY

(s.) Antonio Camacho Vizcaíno

Director-General for Consular Affairs and Protection of Spanish Citizens Abroad  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

**REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TEMPORARY REINTRODUCTION OF  
CHECKS AT THE BORDER BETWEEN SPAIN AND FRANCE ON 26 AND  
27 SEPTEMBER 2009 (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY)**

**Information concerning the temporary reintroduction of control at internal borders in the event of urgent action being required, pursuant to Articles 23, 25, 28, 29 and 30 of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code).**

**1.1. Reason for the reintroduction of checks**

It has come to our attention that on 26 and 27 September 2009 the "Gudari Eguna" (Basque warrior day) will be celebrated in the Autonomous Communities of the Basque Country and Navarra (Spain), and in the department of Pyrénées-Orientales (France).

This celebration is promoted by radical groups and individuals close to the ETA terrorist organisation and its sympathisers. Given the significance of this event for the aforementioned groups and individuals, the existence of the French-Spanish border between the two regions and the risk that trouble-making elements could exploit this occasion to cause serious threats to public order, special security measures need to be adopted.

## **1.2. Scope (borders concerned)**

Land borders between Spain and France in the Autonomous Communities of the Basque Country and Navarra.

## **1.3. Name of authorised crossing points**

- (a) Navarra: Dancharinea and Valcarlos
- (b) Guipúzcoa: Irún

## **1.4. Date and time set for start of the reintroduction**

- 26 September 2009, at 00.00

## **1.5. Date and time set for ending the reintroduction**

- 27 September 2009, at 24.00

## **1.6. Arrangements for informing the public**

- None

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