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Delegations will find attached the text of two letters received by the General Secretariat on 8 November 2005 concerning the extension 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 November 2005.

PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF FRANCE  
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

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Justice and Home Affairs Department

Brussels, 7 November 2005

**Subject:** Extension of the 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 between France on the one hand and Germany, Spain and Italy on the other hand for a one-month period from 9 November 2005.

(Complimentary close).

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FRENCH REPUBLIC

Paris, 4 November 2005

GENERAL SECRETARIAT  
FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

Secretary-General

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 an initial one-month period as from 9 July 2005, and then successively from 9 August 2005, 9 September 2005 and 9 October 2005 for further one-month periods, as I informed you by letter on 8 July , 4 August, 7 September and 7 October 2005 respectively.

Owing to the continued terrorist threat, the French Government has decided to prolong this measure for a further month as from 9 November 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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