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FORWARDING OF A LETTER

from : Mr. Hans Olav ØSTGAARD, Assistant Secretary General of the Royal Ministry
of Justice and the Police of Norway

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to : Mr. Javier SOLANA, Secretary-General/High Representative of the Council

Subject : Reintroduction of the border controls under Article 2(2) of the Schengen
Implementing Convention

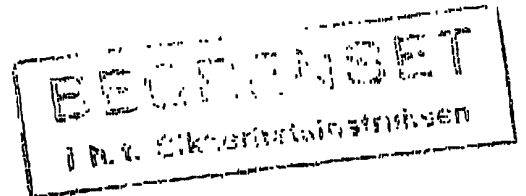
Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter concerning the above-mentioned subject.



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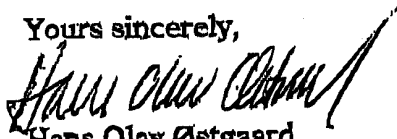
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Norway refers to the Schengen Convention Article 2.2.

During the period from 5 to 12 December 2001 the event of the Nobel Price Centennial and Nobel Peace Price Ceremony will take place in Oslo. A number of Nobel laureates will participate, possibly including the Israeli Foreign minister Simon Peres and the President of the Palestinian Authority Yasser Arafat.

Based on a threat assessment with special weight on the increased conflict in the Middle East, Norwegian authorities have concluded that it may during this period be necessary to carry out border controls at internal land, sea and air borders in the south-east part of Norway, on a level appropriate to the situation. Norway hereby kindly asks for Your assistance to inform as soon as possible the EU countries and the icelandic chair of the Mixed Committee at the level of permanent representatives that such internal border controls may be introduced.

Yours sincerely,


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