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from : Finnish delegation
to : delegations

Subject : **Reintroduction of border controls on the basis of Article 25 of the
Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across
borders (Schengen Borders Code)**

Delegations will find attached the text of a letter received by the General Secretariat on
13 November 2006.



MINISTRY OF THE
INTERIOR
BORDER GUARD
HEADQUARTERS
Helsinki

ANNOUNCEMENT: 1714/433/2006

Helsinki, 9, November, 2006

*General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union
European Union Commission Services
The European Parliament*

Dear colleague,

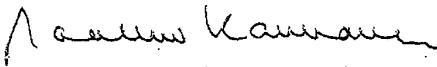
The Finnish Government has today decided to reinstate border control at Finland's internal borders from 13th November to 29th November on the basis of Article 2.2. of the Schengen Convention and Article 23 (1) of the Schengen Borders Code in order to guarantee security of Foreign Ministers' follow-up meeting of the Barcelona Process (EUROMED) in Tampere on November 27th-28th, 2006.

The reintroduction of border control makes it possible to carry out border checks in full at Finland's internal borders. The aim is, however, to use only targeted border checks based on risk analysis. Thus, the reintroduction of border control will not obstruct normal smooth border traffic.

The measures will be targeted mainly at Helsinki-Vantaa, Turku and Tampere-Pirkkala Airports, and the ports of Helsinki, Turku and Hanko. Border checks may also be carried out on the land border between Finland and Sweden and between Finland and Norway, if necessary. For special reasons, border checks may also be carried out at other airports and ports.

Yours sincerely,

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Major General*


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