NOTE

from: Portuguese delegation
to: Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee
    (EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)

Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border controls at internal borders in accordance with Articles 23(1) and 24 of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 4 November 2010 regarding temporary reintroduction of border checks by Portugal at internal borders between 16-20 November 2010.
Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders – notification on the basis of articles 23 (1) and 24 of the Schengen Borders Code (Regulation 562/2006)

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Dear Mr. Bizjak

In accordance with article 23 of the Regulation n° 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across the borders (Schengen Borders Code) the Portuguese Government decided to reintroduce border control at its internal borders as a result of increased security requirements for the forthcoming NATO Summit in Lisbon, on 19 and 20 November 2010, at the level of Heads of State and Government.

Between the 16 November 2010 at 00h00 and the 20 November 2010 at 24h00 border control will be reintroduced in order to minimise the risk of threat to public policy, public security and public order in connection with this event.

Border checks will be carried out on following Border crossing points (BCP’s):

Air borders

- Airports of Lisbon, Faro, Porto, Madeira (Funchal e Porto Santo) and Açores (João Paulo II, Santa Maria e Aeroporto Civi das Lages).

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Land borders

Valença - Viana do Castelo
Vila Verde da Raia – Chaves
Quintanilha – Bragança
Vilar Formoso – Guarda
Termas de Monfortinho – Castelo Branco
Marvão – Portalegre
Caia – Elvas
Vila Real de Santo António – Faro – Ponte Internacional do Guadiana –
Castro Marim – Cais fluvial de Vila Real de Santo António

Sea borders

- Marinas of Vilamoura, Portimão, Lagos and Cascais.
- Quay of Santa Cruz da Horta.

The Portuguese border control authorities will take steps to ensure that border control activities during this period will not obstruct the smooth processing of travellers.

We would be very grateful if you could pass this information to all Member States of the EU and to the States that are members of the Schengen area

Sincerely yours,

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