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from: Mr Carlos BASTARRECHE, Ambassador of Spain to the European Union
date of receipt: 17 December 2003
to: Mr Charles ELSEN, Director-General of DG H (JHA)

Subject: Application by Spain of Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention

Delegations will find attached the text of the above letter.

*The Ambassador
Spanish Permanent Representative
to the European Union*

Brussels, 16 December 2003

Mr Charles ELSEN
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Sir,

In view of the movement of eminent persons during the forthcoming Christmas holidays to the area of the Valle de Arán (Lleida) and the need to adopt special security measures, Spain will carry out checks at the Spanish frontier in the province of Lleida from 00.00 on 20 December 2003 until 24.00 on 7 January 2004 as permitted under Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention.

These checks will be applied flexibly as the situation requires, in the light of information provided by the competent departments.

I should be obliged if you would inform the Member States and the Commission of the reintroduction of these checks.

(s.) Carlo Bastarreche

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