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## NOTE

from:	Icelandic delegation
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Subject :	Report on the temporary reintroduction of controls at internal borders of
_	Iceland in accordance with Article 29 of the Community Code on the rules
	governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)

Delegations will find attached a report on the temporary reintroduction of controls at internal borders of Iceland on 2-3 November 2007.

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Please find enclosed a report in accordance with Article 29 of the Schengen Borders Code regarding the temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders of Iceeland.

With reference to Article 27 of the Schengen Borders Code, the Ministry of Justice kindly requests that the Council informs the European Parliament of the report.

Fyrir hönd ráðherra

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Permanent Secretary

Dís Sigurgeirsdóttir Legal Adviser Report on the reintroduction of border control at the internal borders in Iceland on November 1 - 4 2007 in accordance with Article 29 of the Schengen Borders Code (Regulation no. 562/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council of 15 March 2006).

On 1 November 2007, the Minister of Justice temporarily reintroduced border control at internal borders of Iceland, in accordance with Article 25 of the Schengen Borders Code. The border control started as from 10:05 hours on 2 November and the border control was lifted at 22:50 hours on 3 November 2007.

The decision of the Minister of Justice was based on a threat assessment, made by the National Commissioner of the Icelandic Police, regarding the planned visit of a number of members of MC Hells Angels from the Nordic countries to Iceland between 1 and 4 November. The threat assessment considered the visit a specific threat to the public policy, public order and security of Iceland. The assessment notably stated that if a number of Hells Angels, ranging from 30-120, would attend a party at an Icelandic Motorcycle club (MC Fafnir) in the centre of Reykjavík, this poses a serious risk to the public order and security of Iceland.

The modus operandi of the operation was the following:

- on 2 November nine flights were checked, two coming from Stockholm, (SAS SK-1801 and FI-307), two from Oslo, (SK-4787 and FI-319), three from Copenhagen (FHE 902, FI-205 and FI-213), one from Helsinki (FI-343) and one from Frankfurt (FI-521);

- on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, five flights were checked, three coming from Copenhagen (FHE 902, FI-205 and FI-213), one from Stockholm (FI-307) and one from Oslo, (FI-319).

As a result of the aforementioned checks, eight members of the Hells Angels were denied entry into Iceland based on Articles 42 c and 43 of the Icelandic Act on Foreigners (Act no 96/2002).

The effect of the measure was considerable, taking into account that at least 17 members of Hells Angels, which had already booked flights to Iceland from Scandinavia on the given dates, did not come to Iceland.

Ministry of Justice, 19 December 2007.

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