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NOTE

from: General Secretariat
to: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Crossing of internal borders: notification from the Luxembourg delegation concerning measures taken pursuant to Article 2(2) of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement

Delegations will find attached a letter from the Luxembourg delegation concerning the above notification.

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MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

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Luxembourg, 10 January 2000

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Mr Fernando GOMES
Portuguese Minister for the Interior
President of the Council
Justice and Home Affairs

Sir,

Following the decision of the Belgian Government to restore its internal border checks temporarily, the Luxembourg Government has in turn decided to make use of the option provided for by Article 2(2) of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement and to carry out checks at its borders with neighbouring countries, for a limited period.

This decision was taken in order to avoid illegal immigrants who, with the help of facilitators, use our territory as a country of transit, prejudicing public order when refused access to Belgium.

Please inform the Member States who are Contracting Parties to the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement of the content of this letter.

(Complimentary close)

For the Minister for Justice

Guy SCHLEDER
First Government Counsellor