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Subject : Extension of the reintroduction of border checks on the basis of Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention

Delegations will find attached the text of two letters received by the General Secretariat on 9 February 2006 concerning the extension of checks at the borders between France and Italy for a one-month period as from 9 February 2006.

**PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF FRANCE
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Justice and Home Affairs Department

Brussels, 3 February 2006

Subject: Extension of the reintroduction of border checks on the basis of Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention

Sir,

Please find enclosed the French Government's decision to extend checks at the land border between France and Italy for a one-month period from 9 February 2006.

(Complimentary close).

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FRENCH REPUBLIC

Paris, 3 February 2006

GENERAL SECRETARIAT
FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

Secretary-General

Sir,

The events which occurred in London on 7 July 2005 and the serious risks of a terrorist attack on French territory led the French Government to reintroduce checks at land borders between France on the one hand and Germany, Spain and Italy on the other hand, in accordance with the procedure provided for under Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention, for an initial one-month period as from 9 July 2005, and then successively for further one-month periods. I have kept you regularly informed of this.

The French Government has decided to prolong this measure, in respect of the land border between France and Italy only, until 28 February 2006, the date when the Olympic Games in Turin end.

In accordance with Decision SCH/COMEX 20 Rev 2 of 20 December 1995, I would be grateful if you could inform forthwith the members of the Council of the European Union (Justice and Home Affairs), the two Member States of the Joint Committee which do not belong to the European Union, and the European Commission.

The French Government has contacted the authorities of the Member State concerned to ensure that they continue to assist in implementing this decision.

(Complimentary close).

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