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Delegations will find attached the text of a letter received by the General Secretariat on 19 April 2006.

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Berlin, 7 April 2006

Sir,

The increased security requirements for the Football World Cup, which will be hosted by Germany from 9 June to 9 July 2006, have prompted the Federal Government to reintroduce border controls at the internal borders on the basis of Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention for a limited period of time.

In the period from 1 June to 10 July 2006, i.e. for the duration of the tournament and for some time before and after, border controls will be carried out at the land, air and sea borders, depending on the situation. The scope and intensity of the border controls implemented will be limited to what is necessary in each case. It is envisaged that these checks will not be permanent and comprehensive, but rather will be flexible in terms of time and place and carried out on the basis of which teams are playing, travel routes and other such information.

This measure is necessary to allow the German border authorities to carry out their duties at the internal borders in full and thus contribute to a peaceful and happy celebration of football, in keeping with our motto "A time to make friends".

In addition to the European Commission, all Member States and associated countries which apply the Schengen acquis will be briefed directly by me and asked to cooperate closely in implementing this measure.

(Complimentary close).

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