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from : French delegation

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Subject : **Reintroduction of border checks on the basis of Article 2(2) of the
Schengen Convention**

Delegations will find attached the text of letters received by the General Secretariat on 8 May 2006 on the reintroduction of checks at land borders between France and Italy from 9 May 2006 to 12 May 2006.

This note cancels and replaces 8839/06 FRONT 90 COMIX 409.

Justice and Home Affairs Department

Subject: Reintroduction of checks at the Italian border, on the basis of Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention

Reference: Note from this Representation dated 25 April 2006

Sir,

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention, I enclose herewith the French Government decision to reintroduce checks at border posts between France and Italy from 20.00 on 9 May 2006 to 20.00 on 12 May 2006.

This note cancels and replaces the note of 25 April 2006 on the same subject.

At the request of the Italian authorities, the border posts on the A8 motorway at Ventimiglia and Ventimiglia station are now excluded from these arrangements.

(Complimentary close.)

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Paris, 5 May 2006

Secretary-General

Sir,

As a conference of Western Mediterranean Ministers of the Interior will take place in Nice on 11 and 12 May 2006, I informed you in my letter of 25 April 2006 of the French Government's decision to reintroduce checks at several points on the land border between France and Italy, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention. As with any major event of that nature, there is a danger that proceedings will be marked by serious public disturbances, in this case perhaps even terrorist action.

The Italian authorities have just expressed a wish that these checks should not be carried out at the border posts on the A8 motorway at VENTIMIGLIA and at VENTIMIGLIA station.

The following points on the land border are therefore involved:

- the Saint-Louis and Saint-Ludovic border posts at MENTON;
- the border post at La TURBIE
- MENTON station.

As originally planned, this measure will apply from 20.00 on 9 May 2006 to 20.00 on 12 May 2006.

Pursuant to Decision SCH/COMEX 20 Rev. 2 of 20 December 1995, I should be most grateful if you would pass on this information to the members of the Council of the European Union (Justice and Home Affairs), the two Member States of the Mixed Committee not belonging to the European Union and the European Commission as soon as possible.

For its part, the French Government has contacted the Italian authorities to seek their help in implementing this decision.

(Complimentary close.)

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