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from:	Latvian delegation
to:	Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee
	(EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)
Subject:	Temporary reintroduction of border controls at internal borders in accordance with Article 23(1) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 27 April 2010 regarding the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Latvia at internal borders on 24 May - 1 June 2010.



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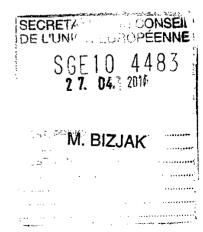
Temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders - notification on the basis of the Article 23(1) of the Schengen Borders Code

In accordance with the Regulation No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) Article 23 the Latvian Government has decided to reintroduce temporarily border control at its internal borders due to the spring session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly taking place in Riga from 28 May to 1 June, 2010.

In order to minimize the risk of threat to public policy and internal security border control at the Latvian internal borders will be reintroduced at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 24 May, 2010, and will be applied till 6:00 p.m. 1 June, 2010.

Border checks will be carried out:

- 1. at Latvian Estonian border:
 - 1.1. A1 Riga (Baltezers) Estonian border (Ainaži);
 - 1.2. A2 Riga Sigulda Estonian border (Veclaicene);
 - 1.3. A3 Inčukalns Valmiera Estonian border (Valka);
- 2. at Latvian Lithuanian border:
 - 2.1. All Liepaja Lithuanian border (Rucava);
 - 2.2. P105 Saldus Ezere;
 - 2.3. A8 Riga Jelgava Lithuanian border (Meitene);
 - 2.4. A7 Riga Bauska Lithuanian border (Grenctāle);
 - 2.5. P89 Kekava Skaistkalne;



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- 2.6. P70 Svente Lithuanian border (Subate);
- 2.7. A13 Russian border (Grebneva) Rezekne Daugavpils Lithuanian border (Medumi);
- 3. random checks at Riga port for internal ferry lines;
- 4. random checks at international airpot "Riga" for flights of Schengen States;
- 5. implementing control at Latvian Lithuanian and Latvian Estonian border area.

The Latvian border control authorities will take steps to ensure that border control activities during this period will not obstruct the smooth processing of travellers.

We would be very grateful if you could pass this information to all Member States of the EU and to the States that are members of the Schengen area.

Sincerely yours,

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