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TRANSLATION OF LETTERS

from : Ms Pascale ANDREANI, Advisor to the Prime Minister with responsibility for European Affairs, SGCI Secretary-General

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to : Mr Javier SOLANA, Secretary-General/High Representative

Subject : Reintroduction of border controls
– between France and Belgium, Germany, Italy and Spain
– between France and Luxembourg
from 22 May to 3 June 2003, for the summit of Heads of State or Government of the G8 Member States in Evian-les-Bains from 1 to 3 June 2003, pursuant to Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention

Delegations will find attached the text of the above letters.

Paris, 13 May 2003

PRIME MINISTER
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COOPERATION MATTERS
General Secretariat

Mr Javier SOLANA
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Dear Sir,

From 1 to 3 June 2003 France will be hosting the summit of Heads of State or Government of the G8 Member States in Evian-les-Bains (Haute-Savoie).

According to information recently received by the French police, not only is there the threat of terrorist acts relating to the current international situation, but also the risk of serious public order disturbances owing to the presence in Evian of huge numbers of opponents of the summit, in particular members of various anti-globalisation movements.

For this reason, the French Government has decided temporarily to reinstate border controls between France and four Contracting States to the Schengen Agreement, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention. This measure will apply from 22 May to 3 June 2003 inclusive.

The Member States concerned are Belgium, Germany, Italy and Spain.

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

For its part, the French Government has contacted the Belgian, German, Italian and Spanish authorities seeking their help in implementing this decision.

(Complimentary close)

Pascale ANDREANI

Paris, 20 May 2003

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Dear Sir,

In a letter dated 13 May 2003 I informed you that in preparation for the summit of Heads of State or Government of the G8 Member States taking place from 1 to 3 June 2003 in France (Evian-les-Bains), the French Government had decided temporarily to reinstate border controls between France and Belgium, Germany, Italy and Spain, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 2(2) of the Schengen Convention.

Information recently received by the French police has also led the French Government to decide to reinstate border controls with Luxembourg for the same reasons of public order referred to in the above letter.

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

For its part, the French Government has contacted the Luxembourg authorities seeking their help in implementing this decision.

(Complimentary close)

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