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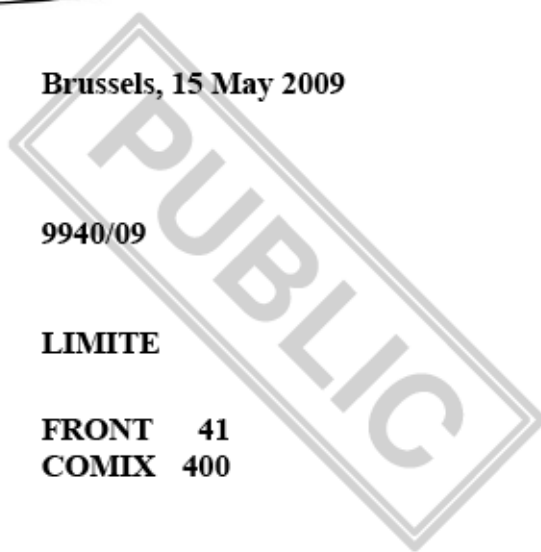
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NOTE

from : Presidency
to : Strategic Committee for Immigration, Frontiers, Asylum (SCIFA)/Mixed
Committee (EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)
Subject : **Data collection exercise on entries and exits at the external borders for a
short period of time**

The Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee at its meetings of 22 April 2009 and 14 May 2009 discussed the Presidency's initiative concerning a data collection exercise on entries and exits to be carried out at the external borders of the Member States for a short period of time on the basis of document 9519/09 FRONT 36 COMIX 368.

The aim of the above exercise would be the gathering of comparable data on entries and exits of different categories of travelers at different types of external borders, currently not available in all Member States, that would be useful in preparatory work within the Commission with a view to submitting in the beginning of 2010 a legislative proposal on the creation of a system of electronic recording of entry and exit data.

At its meeting of 14 May 2009, the Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee examined the possibility to carry out the above data collection exercise on the basis of the *outline* and using the *table* respectively set out in Annex I and II.

The proposed data collection exercise is subject to the following:

- general scrutiny reservations by LT, NL, IT, NO;
- point 2 of the Annex I provides that in principle the data collection exercise should be carried out at all border crossing points at the external borders, but it might be limited by Member States to the most important/busy border crossing points, if this is necessary to avoid an excessive additional work load. Some delegations (FR, PL) would prefer the data collection exercise to cover all border crossing points of the Member States, without exception;
- point 2 of Annex I foresees that the data collection exercise be carried out from 8 to 14 June 2009. Some delegations (DE, DK, HU) would prefer to postpone the data collection exercise to a later period.

The Strategic Committee for Immigration, Frontiers, Asylum/Mixed Committee/Mixed Committee is invited to consider the above mentioned outstanding issues and to agree on the proposed data collection exercise to be carried out on the basis of the *outline*, including its timeframe, and the *table*, set out respectively in Annexes I and II to this document.

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