

**2. — DECISIONS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND
THE CENTRAL GROUP
— DECLARATIONS OF THE
CENTRAL GROUP**

2.1. HORIZONTAL

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 14 December 1993
concerning the declarations by the ministers and State secretaries
(SCH/Com-ex (93) 10)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,
HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

the declarations by the ministers and State secretaries of 19 June 1992 ⁽¹⁾ and 30 June 1993 regarding the bringing into force of the implementing convention and the fulfilment of the prerequisites are hereby confirmed.

Paris, 14 December 1993

The Chairman
A. LAMASSOURE

⁽¹⁾ The declarations of 19 June 1992 have not been taken over in the *acquis*.

Annex

Madrid, 30 June 1993
SCH/M (93) 14

DECLARATION OF THE MINISTERS AND STATE SECRETARIES

1. The ministers and State secretaries hereby agree to set the political goal of applying the 1990 Schengen Convention as of 1 December 1993.

2. The ministers and State secretaries note that the following preconditions have been fulfilled:

- the common manual;
- the arrangements for issuing the uniform visa and the common consular instructions on visas;
- the examination of applications for asylum;
- the airports, as agreed in the declaration of the ministers and State secretaries of 19 June 1992.

Great progress has been made in respect of the other preconditions, which have already been fulfilled to such an extent that the said application ought to be possible as of 1 December 1993. To this end, and in compliance with the 1990 Schengen Convention, additional efforts are necessary to give effect to the agreements already reached on external border controls and drugs.

The ministers and State secretaries confirm that an operational SIS is an essential condition for the abolition of controls at the internal borders. Significant progress has been accomplished in this area. They agree to step up work to enable the SIS to be brought into operation by degrees as the States successfully complete the tests and bring their N.SISs into operation.

3. At its meeting in October the Executive Committee will take final stock of progress made in realising the additional efforts mentioned above.

4. The 1990 Schengen Convention will apply in all the Member States which have fulfilled the preconditions and have an operational N.SIS.

To this end, all the Member States undertake to make all the necessary arrangements to complete the national procedures required for ratification of the convention and the accession agreements.

5. The ministers and State secretaries agree that the original Signatory States to the 1990 Schengen Convention which have not already done so must deposit their instruments of ratification as soon as possible and at the latest on a date which will allow the deadline set in paragraph 1 to be respected. Those Member States which have not already done so also agree to deposit, as soon as possible and at the latest on a date which will allow the deadline set in paragraph 1 to be respected, their instruments ratifying the accession agreements of those States whose N.SISs are being integrated into the system. This undertaking will also apply as the other acceding States reach the same stage with regard to their respective N.SISs.

The ministers and State secretaries agree that the declaration on Article 139 in the final act of the convention implies that the bringing into force of the convention is subject to an Executive Committee decision which must be adopted as soon as the preconditions have been fulfilled.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 14 December 1993
concerning the confidential nature of certain documents
(SCH/Com-ex (93) 22 rev)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,
HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Irrespective of the different national legal rules, certain documents must be kept confidential for the following three reasons:

- making some documents public would be directly contrary to the objectives set;
- moreover, some documents may contain personal data or a description of administrative procedures that should not be disclosed;
- Certain documents may also contain information relating to the production techniques or even the security of external relations.

2. The following documents shall remain confidential: Annexes 1, 5, 8, 9 and 10 to the common consular instructions, the list of countries subject to the visa requirement, the common manual, the Sirene manual, the three documents covered by the decision on narcotic drugs (tightening controls at external borders (SCH/Stup (92) 45), controlled deliveries (SCH/Stup (92) 46 rev 4) and measures on combating the illicit export of drugs (SCH/Stup (92) 72 rev 3)) ⁽¹⁾.

3. The States may incorporate the content of the common manual, the Sirene manual and Annex 1 to the common consular instructions on visas (the list of countries subject to the visa requirement) into their own national instructions and manuals.

Paris, 14 December 1993

The Chairman
A. LAMASSOURE

⁽¹⁾ See SCH/Com-ex (98) 17.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 22 December 1994
on bringing into force the convention implementing
the Schengen Agreement of 19 June 1990
(SCH/Com-ex (94) 29 rev 2)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 2 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 131 of the abovementioned convention,

Having regard to Article 132 of the abovementioned convention,

Having regard to Article 139(2) in conjunction with paragraphs (1) and (2) of Joint Declaration I on Article 139 contained in the final act of the abovementioned convention,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The convention implementing the Schengen Agreement (hereinafter the 'convention') shall be applied irreversibly:

(1) Bringing into force the rules and regulations

The convention shall be brought into force in its entirety on 26 March 1995 for the initial Signatory States namely Belgium, Germany, France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands and the acceding States Spain and Portugal.

From that date onwards all provisions of the convention shall apply to relations between the Schengen Contracting Parties in accordance with the decisions of the Executive Committee, in particular those relating to,

- the abolition of checks on persons at the internal borders, in particular the removal of obstacles to and restrictions on traffic at the road crossings on the internal borders (SCH/Com-ex (94) 1 rev 2),
- the introduction and application of Schengen arrangements at airports and aerodromes (SCH/Com-ex (94) 17 rev 4),

- the performance of checks at the external borders and measures to further enhance security at the external borders (SCH/Com-ex (93) 4 rev 2 corr ⁽¹⁾; SCH/Com-ex (94) decl. 8 corr ⁽²⁾; SCH/Com-ex (94) 12*; SCH/Com-ex (94) 16 rev; SCH/Com-ex (94) 23 rev*),
- the common policy on visas (SCH/Com-ex (93) 6**; SCH/Com-ex (93) 7*; SCH/Com-ex (93) 19**; SCH/Com-ex (93) 24; SCH/Com-ex (93) 21; SCH/Com-ex (94) 15 rev; SCH/Com-ex (94) 2; SCH/Com-ex (94) 5*; SCH/Com-ex (94) 6*; SCH/Com-ex (94) 7*; SCH/Com-ex (94) 20 rev*; SCH/Com-ex (94) 24*),
- the fight against the illegal trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (SCH/Com-ex (93) 9; SCH/Com-ex (94) 28 rev),
- responsibility for examining asylum applications (SCH/Com-ex (93) 15 corr ⁽³⁾; SCH/Com-ex (94) 3***; SCH/Com-ex (94) 11***) and
- international mutual judicial assistance (SCH/Com-ex (93) 14).

A decision shall be adopted at a later date for the other States which have acceded to the convention, namely Italy and Greece, as soon as they have satisfied the preconditions for the convention to be brought into force.

(2) Declaring Schengen information system (SIS) operational

The SIS shall be declared operational and accessible to the authorities entitled to consult directly the data contained therein on 26 March 1995.

The Sirene manual (SCH/Com-ex (93) 8 ⁽⁴⁾) supplementing the SIS shall apply in its entirety with effect as of that date.

By reason of the conclusions of the report by the SIS Steering Committee, the Executive Committee considers that the SIS will be operational on that date and that the existing national data deemed essential within the meaning of its declaration of 18 October 1993 (SCH/Com-ex (93) decl. 1 ⁽⁵⁾) shall then have been loaded in accordance with its declaration of 27 June 1994 (SCH/Com-ex (94) decl. 4 rev 2).

⁽¹⁾ See SCH/Com-ex (99) 13.

⁽²⁾ This document is not taken over in the *acquis*.

⁽³⁾ 'Asylum' provisions taken over in the Bonn Protocol (SCH/Com-ex (94) 3).

⁽⁴⁾ Replaced by SCH/Com-ex (99) 5.

⁽⁵⁾ This document is not taken over in the *acquis*.

As of that date the Joint Supervisory Authority provided for under Article 115 of the convention shall assume its functions.

The provisions of the convention on data protection shall apply in their entirety. The Executive Committee refers to the notification by the Provisional Joint Supervisory Authority for data protection that the Contracting Parties which have successfully completed the tests satisfy the data protection conditions required for the putting into operation of the SIS.

(3) Arrangements for the preparatory period (22 December 1994 to 26 March 1995)

The Executive Committee requests the Contracting Parties which have successfully completed the tests to adopt the following measures before 26 March 1995:

- to consolidate in terms of organisational and human resources the measures necessary for the full application of the Schengen rules and regulations, particularly in the fields of consular, judicial and police cooperation as well as in the fight against narcotic drugs; to continue to ensure that the competent staff are trained in the application of the Schengen rules and regulations;
- to complete the preparations in terms of technical, organisational and human resources with a view to bringing the N.SIS into operation in relation to the C.SIS and to complete preparations for end-user access to this system.

The Executive Committee instructs the SIS Steering Committee to confirm in good time before the abovementioned date that the SIS is ready for operation in terms of technical, organisational and human resources.

The Executive Committee requests the Contracting States to confirm that the system is accessible to the authorities entitled to direct consultation already notified to the Executive Committee (SCH/OR.SIS (94) 18 rev 3).

The Executive Committee requests the Contracting Parties to load retroactively during this period other data on persons or objects which go beyond the data deemed essential (SCH/Com-ex (94) decl. 4 rev 2 ⁽¹⁾). The SIS databases must be constantly updated.

The Executive Committee calls on the Contracting Parties to ensure that the airlines make the changes necessary for the free movement of persons at the latest by the change in flight schedules on 26 March 1995 and that airport operators complete the measures provided for, to this end, in the decision on the introduction and application of the Schengen arrangements at airports and aerodromes (SCH/Com-ex (94) 17 rev 4) and create the necessary organisational and technical preconditions for the free movement of persons by that date.

⁽¹⁾ This document is not taken over in the *acquis*.

The Contracting Parties are requested to inform the airlines and airport operators accordingly as soon as possible.

(4) Organisation of the application of the convention after its entry into force, particularly in the initial phase of application

The purpose of implementing the convention is to enhance the security of citizens in Europe whilst creating the preconditions necessary to achieve the free movement of persons within the meaning of Article 7a of the Treaty establishing the European Community.

The Executive Committee therefore attaches particular importance to the initial phase of the application of the convention in its entirety during the first three months after 26 March 1995.

Each Contracting Party shall be responsible for the application of the convention, particularly the abolition of checks at the internal borders during the initial phase of application. The Contracting Parties shall keep each other mutually informed, shall consult whenever necessary and shall work in close cooperation.

With a view to creating the instrument necessary for the administration of the convention, the Executive Committee hereby decides to set up a permanent follow-up structure composed of the existing central group and its working groups and subgroups.

The Executive Committee instructs the permanent follow-up structure during the initial phase of application to monitor particularly closely the application of the Schengen rules and regulations, to identify, analyse and resolve rapidly any technical problems and, if necessary, to take measures with a view to the more effective application of the convention.

The Executive Committee instructs the Presidency as of 1 January 1995 to prepare the work of this follow-up structure and to ensure particularly that the working groups identify any difficulties and rapidly devise solutions.

During the initial three-month application period, the working groups of the follow-up structure shall convene regularly and as often as necessary.

Should urgent decisions be required in particular cases, the Central Group may convene a select meeting at short notice as the follow-up committee. The follow-up committee shall be composed of either the heads of delegation of each Contracting Party or a high-ranking official designated by each of the Contracting Parties assisted by the representatives of the working groups which must be consulted to resolve any problems arising.

At the request of one Contracting Party, the Central Group shall also undertake a general analysis of the difficulties arising and shall propose solutions devised in collaboration with the working groups and subgroups.

In the absence of agreement within the Central Group, the matter shall be referred to the Executive Committee. In this respect, the Contracting Parties concerned must be granted the opportunity to give an opinion on its conclusions.

Each Contracting Party may also request the Central Group to assess situations which have only arisen on its own national territory.

Three months after the convention has been brought into force, the Central Group shall submit a preliminary report to the Executive Committee dealing with the functioning of the SIS, the efficacy of controls at the external borders, the efficiency of the fight against narcotic drugs and the results of police and judicial cooperation. The Central Group shall submit a general report to the Executive Committee by 31 March 1996.

Bonn, 22 December 1994

The Chairman
B. SCHMIDBAUER

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 20 December 1995
on the procedure for applying Article 2(2) of the convention
implementing the Schengen Agreement
(SCH/Com-ex (95) 20 rev 2)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 2 of the abovementioned convention,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Document SCH/I (95) 40 rev 6 on the procedure for applying Article 2(2) of the convention is hereby approved. The principles and procedures set out therein shall be respected by any Contracting Party which wishes to invoke the derogation clause provided for in Article 2(2) of the convention and temporarily reinstate checks at its internal borders.

Ostend, 20 December 1995

The Chairman
J. VANDE LANOTTE

SCH/I (95) 40 rev. 6**PROCEDURE FOR THE APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 2(2) OF THE CONVENTION***'Article 2:*

1. Internal borders may be crossed at any point without any checks on persons being carried out.

2. However, where public policy or national security so require, a Contracting Party may, after consulting the other Contracting Parties, decide that for a limited period national border checks appropriate to the situation will be carried out at internal borders. If public policy or national security require immediate action, the Contracting Party concerned shall take the necessary measures and at the earliest opportunity shall inform the other Contracting Parties thereof.'

The overall objective of the measures provided for in the Schengen Convention is to avoid invoking Article 2(2). The reinstatement of checks must remain a measure of exception.

1. Procedure for prior consultation (Article 2(2) first sentence).

A State which contemplates reinstating checks at its internal borders in the short term must send notification to the other States, together with the following information:

- (a) Grounds for the planned measure: the State in question must specify which events constitute a threat to its public order or national security.
- (b) Extent of the planned measure: the State in question must specify whether checks will be reinstated along all borders or only in certain areas.
- (c) Duration of the planned measure: the State must specify the date as of which the measure will apply (after consultation) and what its probable duration will be.
- (d) Request for consultation: the State must specify what measures it expects other States, individually or collectively, to adopt so as to avoid reinstating checks or, once checks have been reinstated, to supplement the measures taken by the requesting State.

Notification of the decision must be sent to: the members of the Executive Committee and the Central Group, and the General Secretariat.

In accordance with Article 131(2), the Presidency shall swiftly convene a meeting of the Executive Committee, possibly preceded by a Central Group meeting, in a plenary or restricted session, to conduct the consultations between the States. No extraordinary meeting need be held if an Executive Committee meeting is already planned to take place in the near future. In this case, an item should be added to the agenda accordingly.

Should the decision to reinstate border checks continue to apply after the consultation phase, the requesting State must inform the abovementioned recipients of the date and conditions for the application of the measures in connection with Article 2(2).

Under agreements on cross-border police cooperation, the border authorities of the requesting State must also inform the border authorities of the States concerned so as to expedite any reactions in the field.

2. Procedure for an immediate decision (Article 2(2) second sentence):

A State which deems it necessary to reinstate checks immediately so as to maintain public order or national security must send notification to the other States containing the elements listed under point 1, i.e. grounds, extent and probable duration of the measure.

The other criteria referred to in point 1 shall also apply (recipients of notification, bilateral talks, etc.).

The State must specify whether it requests assistance and cooperation from other States.

Taking circumstances into account, an Executive Committee meeting shall be convened as soon as possible after notification of the decision.

3. Procedure for extension or return to normal

The State which has applied the procedure under Article 2(2) shall confirm the date on which the checks are to be lifted and, either at the same time or shortly thereafter, shall submit a report on the implementation of the decision.

However, if the State deems that the duration of validity of the initial decision has to be extended, it shall notify its decision to this effect in accordance with the procedures under points 1 or 2.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 7 October 1997
on bringing into force the convention implementing the Schengen
Agreement in Greece**

(SCH/Com-ex (97) 29 rev 2)

The Executive Committee,

- Having regard to Articles 131 and 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement;
- Having regard to Article 6 of the accession agreement of Greece of 6 November 1992 in conjunction with the joint declaration on Article 6 in the final act of that accession agreement;
- Having regard to the declaration by the ministers and State secretaries of 19 June 1992 on bringing into force the implementing convention;
- Whereas the joint declaration on Article 139 in the final act of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement and the joint declaration in the final act of the accession agreement with Greece provide that 'the convention shall not be brought into force until the preconditions for its implementation have been fulfilled in the Signatory States and checks at the external borders are effective';
- Whereas on 25 April 1997 the Executive Committee reaffirmed its political resolve to enable the Schengen Convention to be brought into force in Italy, Greece and Austria on 26 October 1997 on the basis of an Executive Committee decision;
- Whereas the progress made by Greece with a view to meeting the preconditions for the convention to be brought into force, laid down in the declaration of 19 June 1992, must enable the convention to be implemented in Greece;
- Pursuant to the Executive Committee declaration of 24 June 1997 on bringing into force the Schengen Convention in Italy, Greece and Austria, confirming the firm resolve to implement the Schengen Convention for Italy on 26 October 1997 and for Austria and Greece before the end of 1997;
- Whereas, however, the strengthening of external border checks and the conversion of the airports have not yet been fully completed;

- Confirming its political resolve to achieve the bringing into force of the convention in Greece as soon as possible;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

I. Bringing into force the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of point 4, the initial phase for bringing into force the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement shall begin for Greece on 1 December 1997.
2. This decision shall apply to Greece subject to the completion of the procedures for the ratification, approval or acceptance of the instruments of accession by France and the Netherlands.
3. The fulfilment of the condition referred to in No 2 shall be established by notification from the depositary of the completion of the procedures for the ratification, approval or acceptance.
4. The dates and arrangements for the abolition of checks at the internal borders shall remain subject to a further Executive Committee decision — adopted on the basis of the fulfilment of all the necessary preconditions. In preparation for this decision, the subgroup on frontiers and the Central Group shall submit a report to the Executive Committee in 1998. The Executive Committee shall discuss this report at the latest during its last meeting in 1998 and adopt a decision.
5. The Executive Committee hereby acknowledges that Greece has made considerable efforts to carry out all border checks at the airports and external borders to the Schengen standard.

II. Operational status of the Schengen information system

The Executive Committee hereby declares Greece operational as of 1 December 1997. From that date onwards, the system shall be open to the Greek authorities authorised access.

1. The Greek N.SIS has successfully completed all test campaigns. Within the meaning of its declarations of 27 June 1994, the Executive Committee hereby finds the Greek N.SIS technically operational and the SIS technically operational with the Greek N.SIS.
2. Pursuant to Article 101(4) of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement, each Contracting Party shall send the Executive Committee the list of the competent authorities authorised to search the data contained in the Schengen information system directly.

The Executive Committee hereby acknowledges the lists sent by Greece.

Pursuant to Article 108(1) of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement, each Contracting Party shall designate an authority which shall have central responsibility for its national section of the Schengen information system.

The Executive Committee hereby acknowledges the notifications sent by Greece.

Pursuant to the declarations of the Executive Committee of 18 October 1993 and of 27 June 1994, a precondition for declaring the SIS operational is notification of accessibility for the authorities authorised to search SIS directly in the State in which the Schengen Convention is to be implemented.

In acknowledging the lists forwarded by Greece, the Executive Committee hereby confirms receipt of the notification of accessibility for the authorities authorised access within the meaning of the Executive Committee declarations of 18 October 1993, 26 April 1994 and of 27 June 1994.

3. The Executive Committee assumes that the loading of the existing national data deemed essential within the meaning of the Executive Committee declarations of 18 October 1993 and 27 June 1994, which is a precondition for the declaration that Greece is operational to take effect, will be completed for Greece by 1 December 1997.

The start of loading of the national data of Greece is tied to the entry into force of the instruments of accession. From that date onwards, the States already applying the Schengen Convention shall be empowered to use the alerts of Greece under the terms of that convention.

The SIS Steering Committee is hereby instructed to keep the Central Group and the Executive Committee constantly informed of the progress in real data loading.

4. The provisions on the protection of personal data laid down in the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement shall apply in their entirety in Greece.

Brussels, 7 October 1997

The Chairman

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 23 June 1998
concerning the confidential nature of certain documents
(SCH/Com-ex (98) 17)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,
HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Paragraph 2 of the decision of 14 December 1993 (SCH/Com-ex (93) 22 rev) shall be replaced by the following paragraph:

‘The following documents shall remain confidential: Annexes 5, 9 and 10 to the common consular instructions on visas, the common manual, the Sirene manual, and the three documents covered by the decision on narcotic drugs (tightening controls at external borders (SCH/Stup (92) 45 latest version), controlled deliveries (SCH/Stup (92) 46 latest version) and measures on combating the illicit exportation of drugs (SCH/Stup (92) 72 latest version)).’

Ostend, 23 June 1998

The Chairman
L. Tobback

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 16 September 1998
setting up a Standing Committee on the evaluation and
implementation of Schengen
(SCH/ Com-ex (98) 26 def)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 7 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to the joint declaration concerning Article 139 in the final act annexed to the convention,

Whereas the initiative to set up the Standing Committee stems from a concern for complementarity with existing instruments within the European Union;

Mindful of the need to observe the principle of national sovereignty,

Whereas this Committee may in due course have to be adapted to take account of the operational framework of the European Union

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

A Standing Committee on the evaluation and implementation of Schengen (hereinafter 'the Standing Committee') shall be set up under the aegis of the Executive Committee, firstly to establish whether all the preconditions for bringing the convention into force in a candidate State there to have been fulfilled and secondly to ensure that Schengen *acquis* is properly applied by the States already implementing the convention, notably by pinpointing problems and proposing solutions.

The Standing Committee shall have sole responsibility for drafting the reports with a view to evaluating the preparations by the candidate States to bring the Schengen Convention into force and verifying that all of the preconditions for the practical application of the Schengen Convention and the abolition of checks at the internal borders have been fulfilled.

The second task of the Standing Committee shall be to lay the foundations so that the Executive Committee can ensure the proper application of the Schengen Convention by the States which have already brought it into force, in particular by following up the

recommendations made by the visiting committees to the external borders, by ensuring that follow-up action is taken to remedy the shortcomings mentioned in the Annual Report on the External Borders, by focusing greater attention on the joint efforts needed to improve the quality of controls at the external borders and by optimising the application of the convention in the fields of police cooperation, judicial cooperation and the SIS. The Standing Committee shall seek solutions to the problems detected and shall make proposals for the satisfactory and optimal implementation of the convention. Sole responsibility for checking to ensure that the convention is properly applied shall continue to remain with the Schengen States. The Standing Committee shall therefore confine itself to carrying out the verification procedures as defined in the following mandate.

These two tasks warrant the Standing Committee being awarded two separate mandates:

1. to prepare the reports to serve as a basis for establishing that all the preconditions for bringing the Schengen Convention into force in a candidate State have been satisfied. In these cases it shall be called the 'Evaluation Committee', and shall be in charge of evaluating how well these States are prepared;

2. to lay the foundations so that the Executive Committee can ensure the proper application of the convention in the States already implementing the convention with a view to optimising its application and cooperation between the Schengen partners. First, it has to find solutions to problems encountered since the bringing into force of the convention and make proposals on improving controls in accordance with the objectives set and the spirit of the convention. Here, it shall be called the 'Implementation Committee'.

I Evaluation Committee for candidate States to bring the convention into force

1. Tasks of the Evaluation Committee

Each time a State is a candidate to bring the convention into force, the Standing Committee, acting in the context of its evaluation remit, shall draw up a report laying down a list of the criteria to be satisfied by the candidate States. This list shall indicate precisely the standard to be reached in all of the areas covered by the convention. Once these criteria have been approved by the Executive Committee, the Standing Committee shall verify in another report whether a candidate State to bring the convention into force satisfies the criteria and complies with the standard required.

In each of the Committee's spheres of competence, it may instruct a group of competent experts to draft a report in its specific field. These reports shall deal with the qualitative, quantitative, operational, administrative and organisational aspects and should pinpoint shortcomings or weaknesses, whilst proposing solutions.

2. Spheres of competence

The Committee shall draft a detailed and exhaustive report and shall assess how well prepared the candidate States to bring into force the Schengen Convention are in all of the fields referred to in Decision SCH/Com-ex (93) 10 of 14 December 1993 and shall ensure that all of the preconditions for implementing the Schengen *acquis* are respected. The assessment shall cover the following areas in particular:

- checks at the external borders, in particular the application of the common manual;
- surveillance of external land and sea borders;
- visas, in particular the application of the common consular instructions;
- conditions governing the movement of aliens, including measures taken with regard to illegal immigration and aliens illegally on Schengen territory;
- residence permits and alerts for the purpose of refusing entry;
- police cooperation;
- mutual assistance in criminal matters, including extradition;
- drugs;
- SIS, in particular the application of the Sirene manual;
- protection of personal data;
- policy on expulsion and readmission;
- arrangements for movement within airports.

On the one hand, the Standing Committee shall take as its basis the following tasks in the areas relating to external borders, police cooperation, the SIS and visas; on the other, it shall draw up a list of tasks to be carried out by the experts in the other areas.

(a) *Controls at the external borders and migratory flows, including bilateral and multilateral cooperation with third States and the question of readmission*

Taking into account the local geographical situation and depending on the kind of external borders in the visited State, the experts shall:

- visit all external maritime borders in order to gather information *in situ* regarding the efficiency of surveillance measures on sea and land, particularly at night; and observe how checks are carried out on persons and freight in major ports;
- observe control measures at the land borders with the aim of verifying their efficiency day and night. They must obtain information on the fight against the smuggling of illegal immigrants, *inter alia* by means of interviews with the control authorities;
- visit all airports for the purpose of checking how Schengen provisions have been applied;
- visit in addition the Central Authorities in charge of external border and immigration controls and examine administrative structures and coordination between national and local levels;
- enquire about practices for the issue of visas at the border when visiting the border crossing points and the Central Authority;
- verify, when visiting the border crossing points and the Central Authority, that the SIS can be put into operation;
- assess the arrangements for carrying out checks at the external borders, at the official border crossing points and in the intervening areas;
- assess the technical means available at the external borders, *inter alia* to deal with false documents;
- assess the surveillance of land and sea borders;
- check whether there are sufficient staffing levels at the different borders visited, together with their training, *inter alia* on detecting false documents;
- check the measures taken at the external borders visited to tackle illegal immigration and more generally crime;
- check the measures taken vis-à-vis persons not admitted at the border or present illegally;
- check the means deployed to combat illegal immigration networks;
- assess cooperation with the bordering State(s).

The objective of the visit shall be to assess *in situ* the efficiency of surveillance measures and their compliance with the Schengen control standards laid down in the Schengen Convention, the common manual and the relevant Executive Committee decisions.

(b) Cooperation at the joint borders with States already applying the convention, mainly with regard to police and judicial cooperation, in particular the conclusion of bilateral agreements and the secondment of liaison officers

In this context, the Standing Committee shall have the task of verifying:

- the efficiency of day-to-day cooperation in the common border regions in implementation of the convention and bilateral agreements;
- the capacity and the willingness to implement and develop joint cross-border operations in compliance with the convention and bilateral agreements;
- the capacity and the willingness to implement and develop cooperation with liaison officers;
- the efficiency of cooperation with States adjacent to Schengen's external borders in the fight against crime and, in particular, the fight against illegal immigration networks;
- police access to databases and general training;
- the efficiency of cross-border cooperation structures;
- direct cooperation and relations between the authorities of the candidate State and the Schengen States;
- security means and staff level in the border region.

(c) The SIS, the Sirene bureaux, the protection of facilities and personal data

In this context, the Standing Committee shall have the task of verifying:

- *Technical aspects*
 - the qualitative, quantitative, operational, organisational and technical aspects of the future N.SIS;
 - the technical means and the procedures used to transfer information from the national information systems to the N.SIS (downloading to the SIS from national systems);

- the technical means for making SIS data available to users on the ground and ensuring synchronisation of N.SIS and C.SIS data;
- the technical availability of the N.SISs;
- *Aspects concerning data and their use*
 - the quantity of data the State is prepared to integrate into the SIS;
 - the quality of the data to be incorporated (completion of headings);
 - the geographical location of terminals, the number of terminals and their operational state (accessibility of SIS data to end-users);
 - training of employees authorised to use data contained in the SIS;
 - the internal procedures and the instructions for issuing alerts and to be applied in the event of a hit;
 - the use of different options for alerts;
 - the operational capacity of the Sirene bureaux (coordination between services, reply times);
- *Protection of the facilities and data*
 - the organisational and technical aspects of the protection of the facilities and personal data;
 - measures to prevent access to the systems and to data;
 - measures geared towards different levels of processing according to the user's responsibilities;
 - the conditions governing the removal of alerts which have expired;

(d) The issue of visas

- general conditions governing the issue of visas compared to those laid down in the common consular instructions;
- provisions for consultation prior to the issue of visas;
- provisions for consulting the SIS prior to the issue of visas;

- provisions for procuring stickers and storage conditions.

The Standing Committee shall oversee the coordination of these reports and shall submit a general report to the Executive Committee.

II Implementation Committee for the States already applying the convention

1. Tasks

The Standing Committee shall provide the scope for detecting any problems encountered at external borders and for identifying situations which do not comply with the standard set in accordance with the spirit and objectives of the convention. By means of the Standing Committee, the State visited and the Executive Committee shall be informed of the problems encountered, together with solutions proposed for applying the convention in a satisfactory and most effective manner. As for any problems encountered since the bringing into force of the convention, it shall be up to the Committee to make technical proposals to improve checks, security and judicial cooperation, including extradition.

The Committee shall also check whether the recommendations and observations put forward by the visiting committees to external borders have been acted upon and have enabled any shortcomings in security to be overcome. The Committee shall also have the task of following up the problems highlighted in the annual report on the situation at the external borders of the States applying the convention.

Finally, the Committee shall perform its duties flexibly and objectively, in cooperation with the competent authorities and in compliance with the legal and ethical rules applicable at national level, and in so doing strive to meet the common objective of improving security and taking account of the interests of the other States applying the convention.

2. Areas to be covered

For those States already applying the convention, the Committee shall be granted a wider remit than that of the visiting committees, but it shall continue to focus on the practical

aspects. The following areas, extending across the whole of the Schengen *acquis*, may undergo evaluation and therefore have to be taken into account:

- external border checks and surveillance;
- police cooperation at the border areas of States already applying the convention;
- the Schengen information system;
- the conditions for the issuing of Schengen visas (in particular the arrangements governing prior consultation of the partner States on sensitive nationalities);
- measures aimed at terminating the stay of aliens discovered to be illegally on the territory;
- mutual assistance in criminal matters, including extradition.

The following should be given priority:

(a) External border checks and surveillance

- provisions for carrying out checks at the authorised crossing points along the external borders and in the border areas;
- technical means available at the external borders, in particular for detecting counterfeit documents;
- determining whether staff levels are adequate for the particular border visited;
- external border checks and surveillance, encompassing mobile patrols as well as systems and methods of stationary surveillance;
- training for officials, *inter alia* in the detection of counterfeit documents;
- measures taken at the external borders visited to combat illegal immigration and crime in general;
- measures taken against individuals not granted admission at the border or individuals who are illegally on Schengen territory;
- means deployed to combat illegal immigration networks;
- existing forms of cooperation with neighbouring State(s);
- administrative organisation of the service(s) responsible for combating illegal immigration and for coordination between these services at national and local level;
- SIS use at border posts.

(b) Police cooperation in the border areas of States already applying the convention

- existence of bilateral agreements;
- exercising the right to pursuit and surveillance;
- organisation of cross-border cooperation;
- direct cooperation between services;
- equipment and staff deployed in the border region for security purposes;
- cooperation involving liaison officers.

(c) The Schengen information system

- downloading to the SIS from the national systems;
- technical availability of the N.SISs and the Sirene bureaux;
- end users' access to SIS data;
- conditions for deleting expired alerts;
- exploiting the different possibilities with regard to alerts;
- operational capacity of the Sirene bureaux: response time, etc.

(d) Conditions for the issue of Schengen visas

- provisions for consultation prior to the issue of visas, as laid down in Annex 5B to the common consular instructions;
- provisions for consulting the SIS prior to the issue of Schengen visas;
- VLTVs issued: quantity, target groups, grounds;
- provisions for procuring Schengen stickers and storage conditions.

III Principles governing the Standing Committee

- *Composition of the Standing Committee*

The Committee shall be a standing body. It shall be composed of one high-ranking representative from each Signatory State to the convention or the cooperation agreement. (This high-ranking representative may be accompanied). The Standing Committee shall be assisted by the Secretariat in connection with its meetings and various tasks.

The Standing Committee shall visit all of the countries, in an order and at intervals to be laid down by the Executive Committee.

For the performance of their tasks, the permanent members shall be able to call on the Schengen States to second temporarily experts in the each of the Committee's areas of competence, in particular for the purpose of carrying out the assignments in the countries, in line with the arrangements defined by the permanent members. Certain assignments involving experts may be carried out jointly or may focus on one area. Each State shall be entitled to appoint an expert to perform assignments in the framework of the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee shall, however, endeavour to maintain membership of the delegations at a level that is compatible with the technical constraints of the assignments.

Where there are several visits taking place at the same time involving groups of experts specialising in each of the specific areas, a coordination meeting shall be organised with all the experts before the end of the visit.

The experts must have the requisite qualifications and, in general, it would be desirable for the same experts to be designated each time.

The European Commission shall participate as an observer in the Standing Committee's work and in the activities of the working groups which serve the Committee, the Central Group and the Executive Committee.

- *Joint Supervisory Authority*

The Standing Committee shall carry out its tasks without prejudice to the powers of the Joint Supervisory Authority. The Committee shall be authorised to consult the Authority in areas within its sphere of competence.

- *Locations to be visited*

The Standing Committee shall, in conjunction with the respective working groups, select the locations to be visited and the information to be gathered on a case-by-case basis.

- *Language arrangements*

Details of the language arrangements to be used during the visits shall be determined for each visit.

- *Facilitating the activities of the Committee*

The authorities of the visited State shall ensure that its authorities afford the Committee the cooperation and assistance it requires to enable it to perform its tasks properly. The visited State must provide the Committee with the relevant information on the locations to be visited and all useful statistical, factual, analytical or other information (in one of the official Schengen languages) at least one month before the start of the visit.

- *Reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses incurred during the visits*

The costs of travel and accommodation are to be met by the Committee members or their experts. The host State shall bear the costs of the logistical support *in situ*.

- *Drafting of the report*

The report shall be drafted on the basis of a standard model to be laid down by the Standing Committee in consultation with the competent working groups. The model may be adjusted according to needs and circumstances.

A preliminary draft of the report shall be written by the Presidency and submitted to the group of experts, who shall seek a consensus on how the report should be drafted. The representatives of the host State shall have observer status within this group. Once the report has been drawn up by the experts, it shall be submitted to the host State, which may draft an opinion. The report and the opinion shall be submitted to the Standing Committee, which shall attempt to find a consensus between the two documents. With regard to points that remain contentious, the Committee shall put the position of each of the Parties.

The reports must clearly show in which areas the objectives have been reached and those in which this is not the case, together with concrete proposals for measures to take with a view to remedying or improving the situation. Responsibility for adopting the final decision shall in any case rest with the Executive Committee.

- *Confidentiality*

The Committee members and the experts shall regard as confidential the information they acquire in the course of performing their duties. The reports drawn up pursuant to this decision shall be regarded as confidential.

Königswinter, 16 September 1998

The Chairman
M. KANTHER

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 23 June 1998
on a catch-all clause to cover the whole technical Schengen *acquis*
(SCH/Com-ex (98) 29 rev)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Articles 92 and 93 of the abovementioned convention,

Hereby confirms that arrangements, procedures and other rules have been adopted for the functioning of the SIS at the organisational, operational and technical levels and for the protection of personal data and recommends that these be retained following the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam.

Ostend, 23 June 1998

The Chairman

L. TOBBACK

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 16 September 1998
setting up an Ad Hoc Committee for Greece
(SCH/Com-ex (98) 43 rev.)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Whereas the agreement on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the convention implementing the Schengen Convention was partially brought into force by a decision of 7 October 1997,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. An Ad Hoc Committee shall be set up to examine whether Greece fulfils all the preconditions for the abolition of checks on persons at the internal borders. All the Contracting Parties may participate by sending experts to the Committee.

2. The said Committee shall have the task of gathering information in the following:

areas:

- checks at the external borders, in particular the application of the common manual;
- surveillance of external land and sea borders;
- visas, in particular the application of the common consular instructions;
- conditions governing the movement of aliens, including measures taken with regard to illegal immigration and aliens illegally on Schengen territory;
- residence permits and alerts for the purpose of refusing entry;
- police cooperation;
- mutual assistance in criminal matters, including extradition;
- drugs;
- SIS, in particular the application of the Sirene manual;
- protection of personal data;
- policy on expulsion and readmission;
- arrangements for the movement of persons within airports.

3. The Committee shall evaluate the results of its inquiries in the areas of external border checks and arrangements for the movement of persons within airports. In the other areas it shall make observations.

4. The Committee shall draft a report containing a summary of the information gathered, as well as its evaluations and observations, for submission to the subgroup on frontiers and the Central Group. On the basis of this report the Executive Committee will adopt a decision, not later than at its meeting of December 1998, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee of 7 October 1997, adopted in Vienna.

Königswinter, 16 September 1998

The Chairman
M. KANTHER

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 16 December 1998
on bringing into force the implementing convention in Greece
(SCH/Com-ex (98) 49 rev 3)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 6 of the accession agreement signed with Greece on 6 November 1992 in conjunction with the joint declaration on Article 6 of the final act of the aforesaid agreement,

Having regard to its decision of 7 October 1997 on bringing into force the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement in Greece (SCH/Com-ex (97) 29 rev 2),

Having regard to the report of the Ad Hoc Committee for Greece (SCH/C (98) 123 rev 2),

Having regard to the Ad Hoc Committee for Greece's various reports,

Confirming the political resolve of the Executive Committee of 7 October 1997 to bring the Schengen Convention fully into force for Greece, as expressed in Decision SCH/Com-ex (97) 29 rev 2,

Recognising and acknowledging that Greece has already satisfied the requirements for the full application of the Schengen Convention in the fields of visas, police and judicial cooperation, the fight against drug trafficking, the Schengen information system and data protection;

Whereas Greece has already made considerable progress, particularly at the airports, in adapting security at its external borders to take account of Schengen requirements,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Greece shall notify the other Contracting Parties when it considers that it has satisfied Schengen requirements regarding security at the external maritime and land borders.

2. The checks on persons at Greece's internal borders shall be lifted when the Executive Committee finds on the basis of appropriate reviews and visits by the Ad Hoc Committee that the requirements to ensure Schengen standards of security at the external maritime and land borders of Greece have been satisfied.

3. Fulfilment of the requirements relating to manpower levels and material resources, the training of border check and surveillance services and coordination between the departments concerned shall be examined on the basis of visits. The necessary improvements in the areas of:

- maritime surveillance strategy
- flexible deployment of mobile units and
- application of Article 26 of the convention

may be demonstrated by the presentation of documentary evidence.

4. The Executive Committee shall take a decision before the end of 1999 if possible.

Berlin, 16 December 1998

The Chairman,
C. H. SCHAPPER

2.2. ABOLITION OF CHECKS AT INTERNAL BORDERS AND MOVEMENT OF PERSONS

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 14 December 1993
extending the uniform visa
(SCH/Com-ex (93) 21)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 17(3)(e) of the abovementioned convention,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Uniform visas shall be extended in accordance with the common principles laid down in the document annexed hereto.

Paris, 14 December 1993

The Chairman
A. LAMASSOURE

ANNEX ON EXTENDING UNIFORM VISAS

COMMON PRINCIPLES

(1) Article 17(3)(e) of the implementing convention lays down that the Executive Committee shall take the necessary decisions on the conditions for extending visas in accordance with the interests of all the Contracting Parties. This provision shall be the legal basis for the common principles defined below.

(2) A visa may be extended if new facts have arisen since the visa was issued. Applications to extend visas on the following grounds must be duly substantiated: *force majeure*; humanitarian, serious occupational or personal reasons. Applications may not, under any circumstances, result in the purpose of the visa being changed. It shall be for the competent administrative authority to assess whether or not the reason actually given constitutes grounds for an extension.

(3) A visa extension shall not result in the duration of the stay exceeding 90 days.

(4) A visa shall be extended in accordance with national procedures.

(5) The competent authority shall be that of the Contracting Party on whose territory the alien happens to be when the application is submitted even if extension of the visa means the applicant will travel to the territory of another Contracting Party.

In each of the Contracting Parties, the following administrative authorities shall be responsible for extending visas:

France: Prefectures (in Paris, the police headquarters);

Spain: For ordinary passports: 'gobiernos civiles y por su delegacion las comisarias de policia' (prefectures and, where authorised by delegation, police stations);

Italy: 'Ufficio degli Stranieri (Questure Republica)' (Aliens Dept. (Prefectures of the police of the Italian Republic);

Greece: 'Υπουργείο Δημόσιας Τάξης (Γραφεία Αλλοδαπών)' (Ministry of Public Order — Aliens Dept.);

Portugal: 'Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras' 'Ministério da Administração Interna' (Aliens and Borders Department at the Ministry of the Interior).

Germany: 'Ausländeramt der jeweiligen Stadt oder des Landkreises' (Aliens Department of the town or the administrative district);

Belgium: For ordinary visas: Provincial governments; for diplomatic and service visas: Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

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Netherlands: For ordinary visas: 'Hoofden van de plaatselijke politie' (Local Police Chiefs); for diplomatic and service visas: 'Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken' (Ministry of Foreign Affairs);

Luxembourg: For all visas: Passport and visa office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(6) Depending on the national procedures, extension of uniform visas shall take the form of a new visa sticker or a stamp.

(7) A fee may be charged for extending visas.

(8) Where applicants are nationals of countries, or belong to one of the categories subject by one or more Contracting Parties to the consultation procedure involving the central authorities, visa extensions shall continue to be granted only in exceptional cases. If the visa is extended, the central authority of the country whose consular representation issued the visa shall be informed thereof.

(9) Unless otherwise decided by the administrative authority which extends the visa, the extended visa shall remain a uniform visa, entitling entry to the territory of all the Contracting Parties for which this visa was valid at the time of issue.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 14 December 1993
on the common principles for cancelling, rescinding or shortening
the length of validity of the uniform visa
(SCH/Com-ex (93) 24)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 131 of the abovementioned convention,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The procedures for cancelling, rescinding or shortening the length of validity of the uniform visa shall comply with the principles defined in the document attached hereto.

Paris, 14 December 1993

The Chairman
A. LAMASSOURE

The procedures for cancelling, rescinding or shortening the length of validity of a uniform visa, as laid down by the Executive Committee pursuant to Article 131, shall be either to prevent access to the territory of the signatory States to the Schengen Convention as granted by the issue of a uniform visa, or to shorten the length of validity of the visa or the length of the initially intended duration of the stay.

A distinction can be made between:

- cancellation,
- rescission,
- and shortening of the length of validity.

1. Cancellation

The visa shall be cancelled at the border ⁽¹⁾ and the procedure carried out by the officers responsible for border controls (see Common Manual II — 1.4.4) ⁽²⁾. The purpose is to prevent access to the territory of the signatory States to the Schengen Convention, notably where a visa has been issued in error to an alien who is the subject of an alert refusing entry as an undesirable person. If a visa is cancelled it is considered as never having existed.

Cancellation is not the same as refusal of admission, a procedure whereby the border control officers do not cancel the visa but refuse the holder entry to their territory, for example because the latter lacks the documents to justify the purpose of the stay.

The decision to cancel the visa is taken by the national administrative authorities responsible for border checks.

For practical purposes, an interlineation or some kind of indication may be attached to the visa sticker that clearly shows that the visa has been cancelled. It is recommended that the sticker kinegramme be scored through with a pointed metal object.

The central authority of the State that issued the visa shall be notified that the visa has been cancelled, and the following information shall be communicated:

- the date and grounds for cancellation,
- the name of the visa holder,
- nationality,
- travel document type and issue number,
- visa sticker number,

⁽¹⁾ A visa may also be cancelled by the consular authorities if the visa appears to have been issued in error.

⁽²⁾ Confidential document. See SCH/Com-ex (98) 17.

- type of visa,
- date and place of issue of the visa.

2. Rescission

Some States draw a distinction between rescinding a uniform visa and cancelling it.

By rescinding a visa, a measure which does not have retroactive effect, it is possible to cancel the remaining period of validity of a uniform visa after the holder has entered the territory.

Pursuant to Article 23 of the Schengen Convention, the visa shall be rescinded if checks reveal that the alien holding a visa issued correctly does not fulfil, or no longer fulfils, one or several of the conditions set out in Article 5(1), (c), (d), (e) of the Schengen Convention. The visa shall be rescinded according to the national procedures of the Contracting Party on whose territory the visa holder is located. The Contracting Party that rescinds the visa shall inform the Contracting Party which issued the visa. It shall give the reasons for its decision.

3. Shortening of the length of validity of the uniform visa

Pursuant to Article 23 of the Schengen Convention, some States use this procedure prior to the expulsion of an alien. It entails shortening the length of the stay to the number of days between the date on which the border was crossed and the date set for the alien's expulsion.

The border control officer may also decide to shorten the length of validity of a uniform visa if it is established that the alien does not have adequate means of support for the initially intended duration of the stay.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 26 April 1994
on adjustment measures aiming to remove the obstacles to, and
restrictions on, traffic at road crossing points at internal borders
(SCH/Com-ex (94) 1 rev 2)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 2 of the abovementioned convention,

Hereby acknowledges and approves the document on the abolition of checks on persons at the internal borders (SCH/I-Front (94) 1 rev 3) referred to it and

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The adjustment measures aiming to remove obstacles to, and restrictions on, traffic at road crossing points at internal borders shall be implemented in accordance with the document attached hereto. The implementation of these adjustment measures falls within the national competence of the Contracting Parties.

Bonn, 26 April 1994

The Chairman
BERND SCHMIDBAUER

Adjustment measures aiming to removing obstacles to, and restrictions on, traffic at road crossing points of internal borders

Completing the abolition of checks at the internal borders between the Schengen States also involves the removal of the obstacles restricting travel, in particular those constituted by the installations formerly required for checks.

The Contracting Parties therefore intend to begin immediately dismantling these obstacles progressively as soon as positive indications as to the prospects of bringing the Schengen information system into operation have been received.

Phase 1 will consist of measures which are particularly necessary to guarantee that the internal borders may be crossed swiftly and which may be implemented relatively quickly without incurring unreasonable expense.

To this end the following measures, in particular, must be taken:

- opening carriageways and lanes previously blocked for border checks, particularly at motorway border crossing points;
- removing customs sheds from central lanes so as not to hinder vehicles passing at high speed;
- dismantling roofs jutting out over the road at border crossing points to improve visibility and reduce nuisance caused by air pressure changes;
- removing speed limits; the sole criteria for introducing any new speed limits is road safety;
- technical adjustments in order to enable vehicles to turn round on motorways and comparable roads in case checks at the internal borders are temporarily reinstated on grounds of public policy or national security and vehicles are refused entry.

The implementation of these programmes shall be the national responsibility of each Contracting Party and — if necessary or expedient from a legal or a practical point of view — by mutual consultation or agreement.

As many as possible of the measures referred to in Phase 1 should be completed by the time the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement is brought into force, or at least those which can be implemented quickly without any lengthy preparations (e.g. the removal of road barriers).

Preparations for the remaining adjustment measures in Phase 1 shall be made in accordance with the following timetable:

1. During the period from 1 July to 15 September 1994, a review of the situation is to be made and a list drawn up of the steps to be taken at each internal border crossing point with a view to implementing the adjustment measures.

It should be borne in mind that installations for police cooperation are to be kept provisionally at certain border crossing points which means, for instance, that the speed limits should be retained for access roads to the services concerned.

2. The period from 15 September to 31 October 1994 is the phase for consultation between neighbouring States. During this period, they are to inform each other of the activities required to put into practice the adjustment measures at each border crossing point.

3. The Contracting Parties shall ensure that the necessary arrangements for bringing into force the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement are completed by 31 December 1994.

At the end of each of the three preparatory phases, the Contracting Parties shall report to the Central Group on progress made towards completing the timetable, whilst providing detailed overviews.

SCH/I-Front (94) 1 rev 3

Abolition of checks on persons at the internal borders

After years of intensive preparation, almost all the various compensatory measures provided for by the Schengen Convention of 19 June 1990 have been fully implemented, and the work that remains to be done in this area, e.g. on the Schengen information system, is currently proceeding at a steady pace.

However, certain arrangements that were designed to achieve the objective which these compensatory measures were supposed to permit, i.e. the abolition of checks on persons at the internal borders, are still not in place. The avoidance of any further delay in abolishing such checks at the common borders even after all the compensatory measures have been implemented is contingent on the necessary preconditions being fulfilled. In this connection it is important not only to dispense with the formalities that accompany such checks but to remove the obstacles to freedom of movement at the internal borders that were previously necessary for the purpose of carrying out controls.

In order to ensure that this operation proceeds in an orderly fashion, there must be a concrete action programme for implementing the various stages.

1. Abolition of checks on persons and of the requirement to present cross-border travel documents at land borders, ports and airports

1.1. Abolition of checks on persons

Under Article 2(1) of the Schengen Convention, the internal borders may be crossed at any point without checks on persons being carried out.

Consequently, the competent authorities should dispense with internal border checks except in the cases provided for in Article 2(2) of the convention.

On the other hand, this would have the effect of exempting all travellers, whatever their nationality, from police checks when crossing the border. Furthermore, they would no longer be obliged to use authorised border crossing points.

The abolition of checks on persons at the internal borders is without prejudice to the provisions of Article 22 of the Schengen Convention. Nor does it affect the exercise by the competent authorities of a Contracting Party, on its national territory, including the border areas, of their powers under national law for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the obligation to possess, carry and present papers and travel documents.

Alternative border checks are incompatible with the provisions of the Schengen Convention on the abolition of controls. Here, however, they are taken to mean systematic checks on persons carried out for the purpose of crossing the border, in a hinterland area adjacent to the border or in defined border areas. This does not contravene the provisions of Article 2(2).

Persons entering via airports and seaports are exempt from checks only if they cross a common border, e.g. in the case of air and sea travel inside the Schengen area. Since passengers are channelled into Schengen and non-Schengen flows, checks cannot in practice be abolished for air and sea travel unless airports and seaports have the requisite separate handling areas.

The Contracting Parties should take appropriate steps to inform

the public,

the authorities responsible for border protection,

the police, and

the airport and seaport operators and the carriers

of the various features of the new situation at the internal borders with regard to the abolition of checks.

*1.2. Abolition of the requirement to present cross-border travel documents
when crossing internal borders*

The abolition of border controls goes hand in hand with abolition of the requirement to produce or present a valid document that permits the holder to cross borders.

This does not conflict with national provisions on holding, carrying and presenting identity and residence papers that are applicable on the national territory.

Delegations were to communicate the relevant national provisions before the end of April 1994 and provide details of the identity documents used in their countries and of the checks provided for under their national law.

**2. Adjustment measures aimed at eliminating obstacles to and restrictions
on movement at road crossing points**

The abolition of checks on persons is the main instrument for achieving freedom of movement at the borders. To attain this objective, however, it is necessary to remove infrastructures the existence of which was hitherto justified by the need to conduct checks and which restrict freedom of movement.

2.1. General observations

- (a) Crossing points at internal borders — the largest and most important at any rate — consist of numerous buildings and facilities that form a complex.

In the initial phase, the activities undertaken by the Contracting Parties for the purpose of complementing the abolition of checks by accompanying measures will consist solely of steps aimed at guaranteeing that there are no obstacles to crossing the borders.

The question of dismantling other buildings or putting them to a different use, collection of the barriers used previously and important tasks such as rectifying the layout will be tackled during the second stage.

- (b) Most of the Schengen States have concluded bilateral agreements with neighbouring States determining that checks on cross-border traffic may take the form of joint checks carried out on the territory of either State. Accordingly, the implementing agreements provided for checks to be combined at virtually all crossing points. Consequently, adaptations for the purpose of implementing the Schengen system presuppose the agreement of the two neighbouring States in question. The Contracting Parties should reach such agreement quickly and inform the Executive Committee accordingly.

2.2. Infrastructural modifications of a technical nature

In the first instance, the following measures in particular should be prepared at a number of crossing points, especially on motorways, provision has been made for traffic lanes for vehicles but these are blocked by security ramps or crash barriers. These lanes can be opened to traffic and measures to this end should be taken as soon as possible.

The control booths erected in the middle lanes, particularly on motorways, are too close to the traffic lane and constitute a safety hazard for vehicles travelling at high speed. They should therefore be demolished.

If vehicles are allowed to travel at higher speeds, the roofs which overhang the road at border crossing points should be demolished in order to improve visibility and reduce the nuisance caused by air currents.

2.3. Abolition of traffic restrictions

Once the necessary tasks have been completed, it will be possible to abolish the speed limits currently in force. The introduction of new speed limits will be dictated solely by road safety requirements.

2.4. Arrangements for the temporary reintroduction of checks at internal borders

Should it prove necessary to reintroduce internal border checks temporarily in accordance with the provisions of Article 2(2) of the convention, mobile units of the border police can impose the speed restrictions necessary for conducting checks by means of ad hoc signalling. This obviates the need to install permanent signs for this purpose.

However, in order to enforce a decision to refuse entry, provision needs to be made for installing a device that enables traffic to reverse. Steps therefore need to be taken to ensure that movable components capable of being opened immediately if necessary are installed in the security barriers located in the middle of motorways and similar roads.

2.5. Action programmes

With a view to the practical implementation of the Schengen Convention, the Contracting Parties should draft detailed programmes for the first phase of infrastructural adaptation at the border crossing points and submit them to the Executive Committee.

The following measures in particular must be taken in due course for the purpose of bringing the convention into force.

- Road lanes, especially those at motorway crossing points that have up to now been closed for the purpose of conducting border checks, should be opened to traffic;
- The control booths situated on the middle lanes should be demolished so as not to hamper vehicles travelling past at high speed;
- The roofs overhanging the road at the border crossing points should be removed to improve visibility and reduce the nuisance caused by air currents;
- Speed limits should be abolished, and the introduction of new restrictions should be determined solely by road safety considerations;
- Technical modifications should be carried out to enable vehicles to make a U-turn on motorways and similar roads in the event that internal border checks are temporarily reintroduced on public order or national security grounds.

These programmes are the responsibility of each Contracting Party and should be implemented jointly or by mutual agreement, in so far as circumstances or legal considerations make this necessary or advisable. The Contracting Parties should report to the General Secretariat on the measures they have taken.

3. Information on the abolition of checks prior to the implementation of the Schengen Convention

The strategy underlying the Schengen Convention is that the abolition of internal border checks should be preceded by the introduction of compensatory measures.

One of the principal compensatory measures, the Schengen information system, has yet to be completed, which means that checks on persons must in principle be maintained at the internal borders.

In the opinion of the Contracting Parties, internal border checks may, where appropriate, be discontinued by bilateral agreement in some cases, as a symbolic gesture and for a trial period, provided that security is not (seriously) undermined (pilot projects).

If the Contracting Parties envisage abolishing checks before the compensatory measures are in place, they should notify the Executive Committee accordingly.

4. Consultation in the event that alternative border checks are carried out

Article 2(2) of the convention lays down that a Contracting Party which decides to carry out national border checks for a limited period on public order or national security grounds should consult the other Contracting Parties in advance.

Given the substance and purpose of the above provision, this requirement also applies in the case of alternative border checks carried out in a hinterland area adjacent to the border or in defined border areas (see Section 1.1).

If a Contracting Party is planning to take such a measure, it should proceed as in the case of checks carried out for a temporary period directly at the internal borders and inform the other partners accordingly.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 26 April 1994
on the issue of uniform visas at borders
(SCH/Com-ex (94) 2)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 17(3)(c) and (d) of the abovementioned convention,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Uniform visas shall be issued at borders in accordance with the common principles laid down in the document annexed hereto.

Berlin, 26 April 1994

The Chairman
B SCHMIDBAUER

ANNEX

Annex on the issue of uniform visas at borders

1. Article 12(1) of the implementing convention provides for uniform visas to be issued by the diplomatic and consular missions of the Contracting Parties and, where appropriate, by the authorities designated under Article 17. Article 17(3)(c) provides in particular for the Executive Committee to take decisions relating to the issue of visas at borders.

Furthermore, the common manual (Part II, point 5) stipulates that if 'due to lack of time and for pressing reasons an alien has been unable to apply for a visa, in exceptional circumstances the authorities responsible may issue him with a short-stay visa at the border'. The issue of visas in such cases is subject to a series of conditions in the common manual:

- the alien must hold a valid document authorising him to cross the border;
- he must fulfil the conditions laid down in Article 5(1)(a), (c), (d) and (e) of the convention;
- he must submit supporting documents substantiating 'unforeseeable and imperative' reasons for entry;
- return to his country of origin or transit to a third State is assured.

2. It clearly ensues from the above that visas are usually issued by the diplomatic posts and consular missions and that the issue of visas at borders therefore constitutes an exception for specific and duly justified cases.

3. Visas issued at borders may, on a case by case basis, depending on national rules and provided the abovementioned conditions are respected, be:

- a uniform visa without restrictions on territorial validity;
- a visa with limited territorial validity within the meaning of Article 10(3) of the implementing convention.

In both of the above cases, the visa issued must not be valid for more than one entry. The validity of short-stay visas must not exceed 15 days.

4. An alien in a category of persons on whom the central authorities are obliged to consult one or more of the other Contracting Parties shall not, in principle, be issued with a visa at the border, particularly given the required minimum seven-day reply period.

Nevertheless, a visa may be issued at the border for these categories of persons in exceptional cases. In such cases a visa may only be issued with territorial validity restricted to the State of issue. This visa may only be issued in the cases provided for under Article 5(2) of the implementing convention, namely on humanitarian grounds, in the national interest or on account of international obligations. The central authorities of the other Contracting Parties must be notified immediately of the issue thereof.

5. The border control authorities shall issue visas in accordance with national provisions. In practice, the visa may take the form of a Schengen visa sticker or a special stamp which is affixed.

6. Statistics must be kept on visas issued at borders. The Contracting Parties shall exchange these statistics once a month via the Schengen General Secretariat.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 21 November 1994
introducing a computerised procedure for consulting the central
authorities referred to in Article 17(2) of the convention
(SCH/Com-ex (94) 15 rev)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 17(2) of the abovementioned convention,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. In implementation of the provisions relating to the issue of visas, the computerised procedure for consulting the central authorities of the other Contracting Parties when issuing visas shall be applied in pursuant to the principles laid down in the data dictionary attached hereto (SCH/II-VISION (93) 20 rev 3 ⁽¹⁾) with effect as of the bringing into force of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement. Should certain Contracting Parties not satisfy the technical requirements for applying the computerised procedure after the implementing convention has been brought into force, the consultation data for these Contracting Parties shall be transmitted by conventional methods in accordance with the provisions of the common consular instruction.

2. The Executive Committee calls on all Contracting Parties to create the technical conditions necessary for application of the computerised procedure as soon as possible.

3. As long as the Sirene network (Phase II) planned for the transmission of data for consultation is not available when the abovementioned procedural principles begin to apply, the Contracting Parties concerned shall take the necessary steps to ensure that the data can be transmitted via public lines. The Contracting Parties shall guarantee an appropriate level of security when transmitting data.

4. Each Contracting Party shall bear the costs incurred for the installations required for the computerised consultation procedure in its country. Twelve months after the system has been brought into operation, the Contracting Parties shall consult regarding any compensatory payments for the transmission of data, taking into account the principle that the generator of the costs is liable. In this connection the Contracting States shall take

⁽¹⁾ Confidential document.

into account that in the consultation procedure, the consulted State also safeguards the legitimate security interests of the consulting State.

The Contracting Parties shall record the costs occasioned by the running of the consultation procedure from the date on which the system is brought into operation and shall submit an overview of these costs after not more than 12 months.

Heidelberg, 21 November 1994

The Chairman
B. SCHMIDBAUER

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 21 November 1994
on the acquisition of common entry and exit stamps
(SCH/Com-ex (94) 16 rev)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 6 of the abovementioned convention,

Takes note of and approves document SCH/I-Front (94) 43 and

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The acquisition of common entry and exit stamps by the Contracting Parties shall take place in accordance with the principles laid down in document SCH/Gem-Handb (93) 15 ⁽¹⁾.

Heidelberg, 21 November 1994

The Chairman
BERND SCHMIDBAUER

⁽¹⁾ Confidential document. See SCH/Com-ex (98) 17.

(SCH/I-Front (94) 43)**Acquisition of common entry and exit stamps**

The Contracting Parties shall take the specifications for manufacturing common entry and exit stamps, dated 17 September 1993 (SCH/Gem-Handb (93) 15), as the basis for the acquisition of stamps certifying entry and exit through the external borders to Schengen territory. These specifications specifically provide that two-colour ink stamps be used.

By way of exception, common entry and exit stamps employing a single colour which have already been manufactured and distributed to the border authorities may be used until they are due to be replaced. The replacement stamps must in any event be two-coloured.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 22 December 1994
introducing and applying the Schengen arrangements in airports
and aerodromes**

(SCH/Com-ex (94) 17 rev 4)

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Articles 4 and 6 of the Schengen Convention,

Takes note of and approves the document introducing and applying the Schengen arrangements in airports and aerodromes (SCH/I-Front (94) 39 rev 9) and

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The measures set out in the annex hereto shall be implemented with a view to introducing and applying the Schengen arrangements in airports and aerodromes.

Bonn, 22 December 1994

The Chairman
BERND SCHMIDBAUER

SCH/I-Front (94) 39 rev 9**Decision on
introducing and applying the Schengen arrangements
in airports and aerodromes (secondary airports)**

When introducing the Schengen arrangements in airports and aerodromes, the importance of the airways for illegal immigration and the function of airports as internal and external borders should be taken into account. The Contracting Parties consider it necessary to introduce the following new measures.

1. Given the need to prevent the intermingling of passenger flows from domestic and international flights — at entry points, before border police checks, and at exit points, after such checks — and whereas before the Schengen Convention is brought into force the infrastructure necessary to ensure the physical separation of such passenger flows should be in place at all airports (apart from Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam which has been granted an exemption until the end of 1995 on condition that during this period it takes procedural measures to ensure that passenger flows are clearly separated), the Schengen Convention will also be brought into force for air traffic on the date set by the Executive Committee ⁽¹⁾.

During the preparatory stage — between 22 December 1994 and 26 March 1995 — the Contracting Parties will inform each other of the measures that are adopted.

2. In the case of controls on international flights, to reduce delays for persons covered by Community law, who are generally subject only to an identity check, provision will be made for separate checkpoints bearing uniform minimal markings in all the Schengen States — the European Union emblem with the letters 'EU' in a circle of stars. The checkpoints intended for third-country nationals will indicate 'non-EU nationals'. Checkpoints in Romance-language countries will use the abbreviations 'UE' and 'non-UE'.

3. In aerodromes — airports which do not hold the status of international airport under the relevant national law but which are authorised to serve international flights — conditions governing controls will be aligned on the conditions that apply in airports, with the following exceptions.

⁽¹⁾ This provision is based on the assumption that the decision bringing the Schengen Convention into force will be adopted on 22 September 1994 and that there will be a three-month period between this decision and the date of entry into force.

- To obviate risks, checks must be carried out on passengers from flights where uncertainty exists as to whether they are exclusively coming from, or solely bound for, the territories of the Contracting Parties without landing on the territory of a third country.
- Where the volume of traffic allows, border control staff need not be present in aerodromes at all times, provided that there is a guarantee that the requisite personnel can be deployed in good time should the need arise. The manager of the aerodrome is required to give the border control authorities adequate notice of the arrivals and departures of international flights. Use of extra police officers is authorised provided that this is permissible under national law.

In general it will not be necessary to make arrangements in aerodromes to ensure that passenger flows from domestic and international flights are physically separated.

Provisions on aerodromes will be added to the common manual.

Introducing and applying the Schengen arrangements in airports and aerodromes (secondary airports)

Airports play a key role in the Schengen system: firstly, they are of considerable importance as an access point for an ever-increasing number of travellers and consequently also for illegal immigrants; secondly, they serve as both internal and external borders and therefore constitute a specific sector facing a series of specific problems.

In concrete terms, the following aspects need to be taken into account:

- bringing into force of the Schengen Convention;
- channelling of passenger flows in airports;
- adaptation of the level of checks on civil air traffic to the Schengen provisions;
- specific features of aerodromes.

1. Bringing into force of the Schengen Convention

The Schengen arrangements introduce an important new feature: irrespective of their nationality, domestic flight passengers will no longer be subject to any checks whereas international flight passengers will undergo checks on entry and departure, the thoroughness of which will vary depending on their nationality. To fulfil both objectives simultaneously, these two categories of passenger have to be separated. Steps must be taken to prevent checks from being carried out on domestic flight passengers, on the one hand, and international flight passengers from entering the territory of the Schengen States without undergoing checks, on the other.

Total separation can only be achieved by physical measures, mainly by putting in place the necessary infrastructure. Means of separation include building partitions in existing control areas, the use of different levels in existing buildings or dealing with traffic in different terminals.

Given that, when the Schengen Convention is brought into force, the necessary infrastructure should be in place at all airports apart from Schiphol Airport, which has been granted an exemption until the end of 1995 on condition that during this period it takes procedural measures to ensure that passenger flows are separated, the Schengen Convention will also be brought into force for air traffic on the date set by the Executive Committee ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ This provision is based on the assumption that the decision bringing into force the Schengen Convention will be adopted on 22 September 1994 and that there will be a three-month period between this decision and the date of entry into force.

During the preparatory stage — between 22 December 1994 and 26 March 1995 — the Contracting Parties will inform each other of the measures that are adopted.

2. Channelling of passenger flows in airports

Tests have shown that implementation of the Schengen provisions on controls, in particular controls on third-country nationals, considerably increases the duration of controls and gives rise to long delays. To ensure that the amount of time spent at checkpoints remains acceptable, at least for persons covered by Community law, greater emphasis must be placed on speeding up controls for those travellers.

In this context, one solution would be to provide checkpoints specifically for persons covered by Community law, so that these travellers, who are generally subject only to minimal checks, are not delayed on account of having to go to the same counter as third-country nationals who must undergo thorough and lengthy checks. Nevertheless, experience has shown that passengers only queue at the right checkpoints when the signs are comprehensible to all. Greater uniformity would probably lead to better compliance with signs. The objective should be to achieve concerted practice in all the Schengen States.

For persons covered by Community law, provision will be made for separate checkpoints bearing uniform minimal markings in all the Schengen States — the European Union emblem with the letters 'EU' in a circle of stars. The checkpoints intended for third-country nationals will indicate 'non-EU nationals'. Checkpoints in Romance-language countries will use the abbreviations 'UE' and 'non-UE'.

3. Adaptation of the level of checks on civil air traffic to the Schengen provisions

The principles governing checks at airports, being external borders, are the same as those governing checks on travellers elsewhere, for instance at road checkpoints. However, in contrast to the latter, time is a key factor in air traffic, largely on account of flight connections.

Hence the need to reconcile security requirements and time constraints. In cases of doubt, however, priority should always be given to security requirements.

The duration of the entire control procedure depends on the workload of the border control staff but also on a range of other factors such as the number of passengers, their make-up, the structure of the buildings, etc. Circumstances vary from one airport to another. According to studies undertaken by IATA, if the average duration of checks on passengers exceeds 40 seconds, the airport's functioning is considerably disrupted. These results are

borne out by tests carried out on the basis of the Schengen provisions on controls. Given that space and reception facilities are limited, this situation cannot be changed overnight, even if staff levels are increased.

This is why, in addition to deploying extra staff, special arrangements must be made at airports to enable compliance with the level of Schengen controls and to ensure that time spent on checks is not incompatible with the time constraints imposed by the other systems that must be taken into account, such as international air traffic.

A distinction should be made between organisational measures which are feasible in the short term and measures based on complex technology which, by their very nature, take longer to implement.

The Contracting Parties propose examining the expediency of the following measures.

3.1. Organisational measures

The measures falling under this category should make it possible to rationalise and speed up the control procedure without causing any security deficits.

- Instituting a second set of controls allowing staff at a first checkpoint to pass on difficult cases to staff at a second checkpoint should make it possible to maintain a brisk pace during checks on passenger flows.
- Pursuant to the decision by the ministers and State secretaries of 6 November 1992, external border controls are effective in terms of Schengen requirements if their level of intensity matches the risks and threats posed by the different third countries. The Schengen Contracting Parties will inform each other of the implementing provisions.

To this end, the Contracting Parties intend to ask their security forces to establish what risks and threats are posed by third countries.

- Automated border controls are another way of speeding up passenger checks while at the same time economising on staff. This automated method involves an electronic reading of a travel document or a card containing a special microchip. Faster controls mainly result from the installation of a large number of automatic readers which do not take up much room and which are significantly cheaper than a checkpoint manned by an officer.

This procedure provides the means to carry out immediate comprehensive checks to establish whether all the entry conditions are met by means of access to automated search data, checks carried out before authorisation to use the automated system was granted, and repeat controls. Moreover, the border control authorities may at any time carry out additional controls considered necessary.

3.2. Advanced passenger information system

To adapt the level of air traffic controls to Schengen requirements, new avenues must be explored. Since the scope for increasing the duration of controls once a plane has landed cannot be widened at will, this situation has to be remedied by carrying out advance checks on passengers before the aeroplane lands. This procedure is already used to a certain extent in international air transport and is organised in such a way that passenger data are electronically transmitted to the airport of arrival once the aeroplane has taken off. The border control authorities at the airport of destination can then start to compare these details with their data and search files and generally have enough time to do so.

3.3. Pre-flight inspections

Pre-flight inspections are another means of carrying out advance checks on passengers. Under this system, border control officials of the country of destination may, on the basis of international agreements, carry out checks in the airport of departure to determine whether passengers fulfil certain conditions for entering the territory of the Schengen State of destination and whether they can board the flight. Pre-flight inspections constitute an extra entry control, but do not replace the entry controls carried out at the airport of arrival.

4. Specific features of aerodromes

In aerodromes — airports which do not hold the status of international airport under the relevant national law but which are authorised to serve international flights — passengers from international flights are subject to checks on persons (Section II, point 3.3.3 of the common manual ⁽¹⁾).

To obviate risks, checks must be carried out on passengers from flights where uncertainty exists as to whether they are exclusively coming from, or solely bound for, the territories of the Contracting Parties without landing on the territory of a third country.

Where the volume of traffic allows, border control staff need not be present in aerodromes at all times, provided that there is a guarantee that the requisite personnel can be deployed in good time should the need arise. The manager of the aerodrome is required to give the border control authorities adequate notice of the arrivals and departures of international flights. Use of extra police officers is authorised provided that this is permissible under national law.

Since traffic at aerodromes is usually sporadic, in general it will not be necessary to put in place the infrastructure to physically separate passengers from domestic and international flights.

Provisions on aerodromes will be added to the common manual.

⁽¹⁾ Confidential document: see SCH/Com-ex (98) 17.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 22 December 1994
on the exchange of statistical information
on the issuing of uniform visas
(SCH/Com-ex (94) 25)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 12(3) of the abovementioned convention,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Contracting Parties shall exchange statistical information with each other on the issuing of uniform visas. The table attached hereto indicates what information is to be gathered and the intervals at which these exchanges are to take place.
2. The Contracting Parties shall transmit the statistical information to the Schengen General Secretariat. The Secretariat shall collate this information and compile global tables giving an overview of each period, which it shall make available to the Contracting Parties.
3. Notwithstanding the above exchanges, statistical information may also be exchanged locally within the framework of consular cooperation in accordance with a procedure agreed upon by the representations concerned.

Bonn, 22 December 1994

The Chairman
B. SCHMIDBAUER

Exchange of statistics on the issuing of visas

Type of visa	Frequency	Information to be exchanged
Uniform visa issued by the diplomatic and consular representations	six-monthly	— issuing representation — type of visa (short-stay, transit visa, airport transit visa) — type of travel document — nationality
Uniform visa (issued at the border)	quarterly	— issuing border post — type of visa — type of travel document — nationality
Visa with limited territorial validity	quarterly	— Issuing representation/border post — nationality (statistics shall be collated without prejudice to the obligation to inform the other Contracting Parties)
Visa issued after consultation with central authorities of other Contracting Parties	annually	— cf. document SCH/II-Vision (93) 20 rev 3 ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Confidential document. See SCH/Com-ex (94) 15.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 28 April 1995
on common visa policy**

**Decision contained in the minutes of the meeting of the Executive
Committee held in Brussels on 28 April 1995
(SCH/Com-ex (95) PV 1 rev)**

8. Other business

— Visa policy with regard to Indonesia

The Executive Committee re-examined the item on visa policy with regard to Indonesia, which appeared on the agenda of the follow-up committee, and agreed on the following solution, which would apply temporarily and by way of exception:

(1) Visa applications lodged by Indonesians who have stated that they intend to enter or transit through the national territory of Portugal:

— shall be subject to prior consultation; Indonesians may only enter Portuguese territory if they have received official authorisation from the Portuguese State;

(2) Visa applications lodged by Indonesians who have stated that they have no intention of entering or transiting through the national territory of Portugal:

— do not require prior consultation. In such cases, to ensure Indonesian nationals cannot travel freely to Portugal, the other Schengen States shall issue such nationals a visa with limited territorial validity authorising the holder to enter the territory of one or several Contracting Parties with the exception of Portuguese territory.

The Executive Committee would examine this question again at the end of the year.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 20 December 1995
on the swift exchange between the Schengen States of statistical and
specific data on possible malfunctions at the external borders
(SCH/Com-ex (95) 21)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Articles 7 and 131 of the abovementioned convention,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The Schengen States shall exchange as quickly as possible statistical and specific data which reveal any possible malfunctions at the external borders.

The Schengen States shall communicate any specific data they might have to the Presidency via the General Secretariat.

The subgroup on 'borders' shall examine this data at every meeting and put forward practical solutions.

Ostend, 20 December 1995

The Chairman
J. VANDE LANOTTE

SCH/I-Front (95) 45 rev 2 corr**NOTE TO THE CENTRAL GROUP**

Following the mandate given to the Central Group by the Executive Committee on 24 October 1995, the subgroup on frontiers was instructed to look into the problems encountered with regard to checks at external frontiers.

For this purpose, in implementation of Article 7 of the Schengen Convention and in order to give a factual content to the provisions of point 4.1 of the joint handbook, a statistical tool has been devised, based on the work of Cirefi.

Each State undertakes to forward to the Schengen Secretariat, within 30 days of its being gathered, statistical information permitting better monitoring and knowledge of migration phenomena, in the form of the attached tables.

The Schengen Secretariat is instructed to forward that information to all the Schengen States immediately.

The Schengen Secretariat, in liaison with the FMAD (seconded officials), will collate the information. The FMAD may undertake on the Presidency's behalf an initial analysis of problems which might appear on examination of such information. Each Member State also retains the right to raise questions which it thinks should be looked into.

Parallel to the forwarding of statistical information each Member State must communicate information on current difficulties in carrying out controls at external frontiers; that information may also be analysed in accordance with the arrangements referred to in the preceding paragraph.

For this purpose the national authorities of the Schengen States, acting through their departments responsible for external frontiers controls and through liaison officers — insofar as bilateral agreements on the secondment of officials make provision for such duties — are to collect all information on specific problems arising at external frontiers which suggest a dysfunctioning at frontier control level. National authorities are to compile and analyse this information and inform the Presidency through the Secretariat.

Each meeting of the subgroup on frontiers must devote an item on its agenda to any observations made on those statistics and on these problems.

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I — EVALUATION REGARDING LAND FRONTIERS										
Period		F/United Kingdom	F/Belgium	F/Luxembourg	F/Germany	F/Swiss Confederation	F/Italy	F/Spain	F/Andorra	TOTAL
Aliens refused entry ⁽¹⁾	During the period									
	During the corresponding period of the previous year									
	Trend (%)									
Illegal aliens apprehended near the frontier ⁽²⁾	During the period									
	During the corresponding period of the previous year									
	Trend (%)									
Aliens readmitted ⁽³⁾	During the period									
	During the corresponding period of the previous year									
	Trend (%)									
Couriers apprehended	During the period									
	During the corresponding period of the previous year									
	Trend (%)									
Aliens apprehended carrying false or falsified documents	During the period									
	During the corresponding period of the previous year									
	Trend (%)									

NB: Each Contracting Party is to modify Table I according to its neighbouring countries.

II — EVALUATION REGARDING MARITIME AND AIR FRONTIERS					
Period:		MARITIME FRONTIERS		AIR FRONTIERS	
		Internal	External	Internal	External
Aliens refused entry ⁽¹⁾	During the period				
	During the corresponding period of the previous year				
	Trend (%)				
Aliens readmitted ⁽³⁾	During the period				
	During the corresponding period of the previous year				
	Trend (%)				
Aliens apprehended carrying false or falsified documents	During the period				
	During the corresponding period of the previous year				
	Trend (%)				

⁽¹⁾ Aliens refused entry: This term means the number of aliens who have been the subject of a readmission procedure in accordance with point 1.4 of the joint handbook.

⁽²⁾ Illegal aliens apprehended near the frontier: This term means the number of aliens who could be the subject of a readmission procedure without formalities in a non-Schengen State.

⁽³⁾ Aliens readmitted: This term means the number of aliens who could be the subject of a readmission procedure in a non-Schengen State.

NB: For countries for which no readmission agreement applies, these are illegal aliens apprehended in an irregular situation in a geographical area defined by those States.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 27 June 1996
on the principles for issuing Schengen visas in accordance with
Article 30(1)(a) of the convention implementing
the Schengen Agreement
(SCH/Com-ex (96) 13 rev 1)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Articles 9, 17 and 30 of the abovementioned convention,

Whereas it is in the interest of all Schengen States to define the rights and obligations of representing and represented States, since all Schengen States have representations in which they represent other States and places where they themselves are represented,

Whereas the main principle underlying cooperation between the Schengen States is absolute confidence in the way in which the Schengen representation system is applied,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The issue of Schengen visas in third States where not all Schengen States are represented pursuant to Article 30(1)(a) of the agreement implementing the Schengen Convention shall take place in accordance with the following principles:

- (a) Representation with respect to the issue of visas shall apply to airport transit visas, uniform transit visas and short-stay visas issued within the framework of the Schengen Convention and in accordance with the common consular instructions.

The representing State shall be obliged to apply the provisions of the common consular instructions with the same urgency as is accorded to the issue of national visas of this kind and validity.

- (b) Except where otherwise provided for in specific bilateral agreements, the representation arrangement shall not apply to visas issued to persons intending to take up paid employment or an activity which is subject to the prior approval of the State where it

will take place. Persons applying for such visas must refer to the accredited consular representation of the State where the said activity is to be carried out.

- (c) It shall not be obligatory for Schengen States to be represented in every third country for the purpose of issuing visas. Schengen States may decide that visa applications in certain third countries or applications for a certain category of visa have to be submitted to a representation of the State which is the applicant's main travel destination.
- (d) Assessment of the risk of illegal immigration when the visa application is lodged shall be entirely at the discretion of the diplomatic or consular representation processing the visa application.
- (e) The represented States shall accept responsibility for asylum applications lodged by holders of a visa issued by the representing States on their behalf, whereby such visas shall explicitly state that they were issued in the framework of representation (in accordance with Annex 13 of the common consular instructions) ⁽¹⁾.
- (f) In exceptional cases, bilateral agreements may stipulate that the representing State shall either send the visa applications lodged by certain categories of aliens to the authorities of the represented State which is also the main travel destination, or to a diplomatic mission of this State. These categories should be established in writing (if necessary for each diplomatic or consular representation). The visa shall thus be deemed to have been issued with the authorisation of the represented State, as provided for under Article 30(1)(a) of the Schengen Convention.
- (g) Bilateral agreements may be adapted in due course in the light of national assessments of applications for asylum lodged within a fixed period by holders of visas issued in the framework of representation, and other relevant data pertaining to the issue of visas. On the basis of the results, it may be agreed to withdraw representation in the case of certain representations (and possibly, for certain nationalities).
- (h) Representation shall apply only to the issue of visas. If the visa cannot be issued because the alien has not been able to provide sufficient documentary evidence that he or she has satisfied the conditions, the alien should be informed of the possibility of submitting his application to a diplomatic representation of the State which is his or her main travel destination.

⁽¹⁾ Annex 13 of the common consular instructions will be adapted accordingly. See SCH/Com-ex (99) 13.

- (i) The representation arrangement can be further improved by extending the consultation network, and by developing software which would enable the representations of the representing State to consult the central authorities of the represented State without difficulty.
- (ii) Attached to this document is a table on representation for the issue of Schengen visas in third States where not all Schengen States are represented. The Central Group takes note of the amendments made to this table after consultation between the Schengen States concerned ⁽¹⁾.

The Hague, 27 June 1996

The Chairman
M. PATIJN

⁽¹⁾ See document SCH/Com-ex (99) 13, Annex 4.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 19 December 1996
on issuing visas at borders to seamen in transit
(SCH/Com-ex (96) 27)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 134 of the abovementioned convention,

Having regard to sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) of Article 17(3) of the abovementioned convention,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The procedure for issuing visas at borders to seamen in transit shall comply with the common principles defined in the documents set out in annex (SCH/II-Visa (96)11 rev 4, SCH/I-Front (96) 58 rev 3, SCH/I-Front (96) 78 rev 2 and SCH/SG (96) 62 rev). These instructions shall apply from 1 February 1997.

Luxembourg, 19 December 1996

The Chairman,
M. FISHBACH

SCH/II-Visa (96) 11 rev 4

Subject: Issuing visas to seamen in transit

Issuing visas to seamen is causing a number of specific problems as it is often the case that the vessel's port of call is not known in advance and the seamen rarely know exactly where they will end their service. Sometimes seamen also have to sign on at a port at very short notice. Given the unpredictable itineraries and the very short periods of notice, seamen subject to visa requirements frequently present themselves at both maritime ports and airports at the external borders of Schengen without actually holding a visa.

Before the Schengen Convention was applied, under such circumstances a transit visa could be issued at the internal borders. These borders may now be crossed without any checks being carried out.

In order, firstly, to guarantee that the Schengen provisions on visas are respected and, secondly, to avoid damaging the interests of the merchant navy, implementing procedures ought to be defined so that seamen who present themselves at borders at the start or the end of their service can enter and/or pass through Schengen territory.

- (a) Seamen requiring a visa who are passing through Schengen territory in order to sign on a vessel, leave their service or join another vessel should, in principle, be in possession of a standard Schengen visa.
- (b) According to decision SCH/Com-ex (94) 2 rev., a visa may be issued to seamen who present themselves at an external border without an entry visa owing to insufficient time and for compelling grounds, subject to the condition that they do not belong to the category of aliens who cannot be granted a visa without prior consultation pursuant to Annex 5B of the common consular instructions ⁽¹⁾. The visa issued should be a transit visa valid for a maximum of five days and should mention that the holder is a seaman.
- (c) Seamen who belong to the category of aliens who cannot be granted a visa without prior consultation pursuant to Annex 5B of the common consular instructions may (according to Decision SCH/Com-ex (94) 2 rev.) be issued a limited visa for the territory of the visa issuing State.
- (d) A check should be carried out at the border to verify that seamen without a Schengen visa meet the conditions for entering Schengen territory.

⁽¹⁾ Confidential document. See SCH/Com-ex (98) 17.

- (e) A system should be set up for exchanging information between the external border authorities in order to be able to assess the factual situation, and in particular to be able to check the information on vessels' journeys, the muster rolls and seamen arriving and leaving.
- (f) Checks to verify that the entry conditions are respected are based in particular on the necessary information obtained from this exchange system. If seamen meet these entry conditions, they may be issued a visa at the border.
- (g) Before the authorities can issue a visa at the border, an information form on the seaman concerned, the vessel, the ship owner, departure dates, etc. must be produced.
- (h) There must be good grounds for integrating the provisions on issuing visas to seamen in transit at the border into the common manual (Annex 14) and into the common consular instructions.
- (i) The problem of seamen who are subject to prior consultation under the above stated conditions and who wish to transit through two or more Schengen States will be studied later in the light of experience acquired.

SCH/I-Front (96) 58 rev 3**Subject ⁽¹⁾:
Draft operational instructions for issuing visas
at the border to seamen in transit**

Operational instructions for issuing visas at the border to seamen in transit who are subject to visa requirements

The sole objective of these operational instructions (which are based on document SCH/II-Visa 11, 3rd rev.) is to provide regulations for the exchange of information between the border control authorities of the various Schengen States with respect to seamen in transit subject to visa requirements. Insofar as a visa is issued at the border on the basis of the information that has been exchanged, the responsibility lies with the Schengen State issuing the visa.

I. Signing on at a ship situated in or expected at a Schengen port:**a) Entry into Schengen territory via an airport situated in another Schengen State**

- The shipping company or agency informs the border control authorities in the Schengen port where the ship is berthed or expected that seamen subject to visa requirements are due to enter via a Schengen airport. The shipping company or agency signs a guarantee in respect of these seamen.
- The said border control authorities verify as soon as possible whether the information provided by the shipping company or agency is correct and examine whether the other conditions, referred to in the common manual and which they are able to check, for entry into Schengen territory have been satisfied. Within the framework of this investigation the travel route within Schengen territory is also verified by, for example, checking airline tickets.
- The border control authorities of the Schengen port inform the border control authorities of the Schengen airport of entry by means of a duly completed Schengen form (see Annex I), preferably by fax (see Annex II for faxes and phone numbers of contacts at the most important external border posts) of the results of the

⁽¹⁾ These instructions do not apply to seamen who may only be issued a visa subject to prior consultation, in accordance with Annex 5 of the common consular instructions.

verification and indicate whether a visa can in principle be issued at the border on the basis of these results.

- Where the verification of the available data is positive and the outcome concurs with the seaman's declaration or documents, the border control authorities of the Schengen airport of entry or exit may issue a Schengen transit visa at the border with a maximum validity of five days. Furthermore, in such cases the seaman's travel document referred to above has to be stamped with a Schengen entry or exit stamp and given to the seaman concerned.

(b) Entry into Schengen via a land or sea border situated in another Schengen State

In this case the same procedure applies with respect to entry via a Schengen airport except that the border control authorities of the border crossing point through which the seamen concerned enter Schengen territory, are informed.

II. Signing-off from a ship that has entered a Schengen port:

(a) Exit from Schengen territory via an airport situated in another Schengen Member State

- The shipping company or agency informs the border control authorities in the said Schengen port of the entry of seamen subject to visa requirements who are signing off and will leave Schengen territory via a Schengen airport. The shipping company or agency signs a guarantee in respect of these seamen.
- The said border control authorities verify as soon as possible the accuracy of the elements communicated by the shipping company or its agent and ascertain whether the other conditions, referred to in the common manual and which they are able to check, for entering Schengen territory have been satisfied. Within the framework of this investigation the travel route within Schengen territory is also verified by, for example, checking airline tickets.
- Where the verification of the data available is positive, the border control authorities may issue a Schengen transit visa with a maximum validity of five days.

(b) Exit Schengen territory via a land or sea border situated in another Schengen State

- In this case the same procedure applies with respect to exit via a Schengen airport.

III. Transferring from a ship that entered a Schengen port to a ship that will sail from a port situated in another Schengen State

- The shipping company or agency informs the border control authorities in the abovementioned Schengen port, of the entry of seamen subject to visa requirements who are due to sign-off and who will leave Schengen territory via another Schengen port. The shipping company or shipping agency signs a guarantee in respect of these seamen.
- The said border control authorities verify as soon as possible the bona fide nature of the shipping company's or agency's report and examine whether the other conditions, referred to in the common manual and which they are able to check, for entry into Schengen territory have been satisfied. The border control authorities of the Schengen port from which the seamen will leave Schengen territory by ship will be contacted for the verification. A check will be carried out to establish whether the ship they have signed on is berthed there or expected. Within the framework of this investigation the travel route within Schengen territory is also verified, for example by checking airline tickets.
- Where the verification of the available information is positive, the border control authorities may issue a Schengen visa with a maximum validity of five days.

Annexes ⁽¹⁾: 1: Schengen form for seamen in transit

2: List of addresses and phone numbers of contact points at border posts

⁽¹⁾ Not published.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 15 December 1997
on the harmonisation of visa policy
(SCH/Com-ex (97) 32)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement, hereinafter 'the Schengen Convention',

Having regard to Article 9 of the abovementioned convention,

Whereas it is in the interest of all Schengen partners to harmonise by mutual agreement their visa policies in the framework of their common policy on the movement of persons in order to avoid any adverse consequences that the absence of harmonisation could cause in the area of entry and internal security;

Wishing to eliminate as quickly as possible the existing differences between the various visa regulations in the States listed in Title III of Annex I to the common consular instructions;

Taking as a base the document entitled 'Essential criteria for including countries on the joint list of countries whose nationals require visas' (SCH/M (92) 32 rev), adopted by the ministers and State secretaries in Madrid on 15 December,

Guided by the principle of solidarity among the Schengen partners;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Schengen States shall initiate the measures necessary to abolish the visa requirement for nationals of Australia, Brunei, Costa Rica, Croatia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Singapore and Venezuela in good time for this abolition to take effect on 1 January 1999 at the latest.

2. The States Bosnia-Herzegovina, Jamaica, Malawi and Kenya shall be added to Section I of Annex I to the common consular instructions (joint list of States whose nationals are subject to the visa requirement by all the Schengen States) ⁽¹⁾.

3. The visa requirement for nationals of the States mentioned under point 2 above shall take effect on 1 January 1999 at the latest.

⁽¹⁾ See SCH/Com-ex (99) 13.

4. With regard to Bolivia, Colombia and Ecuador, the Schengen States undertake to bring about the solution to be achieved pursuant to Article 100c of the EC Treaty by 1 January 1999 at the latest.

Vienna, 15 December 1997

The Chairman

K. SCHLÖGL

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 15 December 1997
on the implementation of the joint action concerning a uniform
format for residence permits
(SCH/Com-ex (97) 34 rev)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132(2) of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement, signed in Schengen on 19 June 1990 (hereinafter 'the Schengen Convention'),

Having regard to Article 134 of the abovementioned convention,

Having regard to the decision of the Central Group of 14 May 1997,

Recalling the outcome of the Central Group meeting of 28 October 1997,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The Schengen States shall endeavour to implement the joint action of 16 December 1996 concerning a uniform format for residence permits (Joint Action 97/11/JAI, published in OJ L 7, 10 January 1997, p. 1) as soon as possible, if necessary by phasing it in, before the end of the transitional periods stipulated in the joint action.

Vienna, 15 December 1997

The Chairman
K. SCHLÖGL

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 15 December 1997
on the guiding principles for means of proof and indicative evidence
within the framework of readmission agreements between
Schengen States
(SCH/Com-ex (97) 39 rev)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 23(4) of the abovementioned convention,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Document SCH/II-Read (97) 3 rev 6 on the guiding principles for means of proof and indicative evidence under readmission agreements between Schengen States, attached hereto, is hereby approved. The application of these principles is recommended as of the date of adoption of this decision.

Vienna, 15 December 1997

The Chairman
K. SCHLÖGL

SCH/II-Read (97) 3 rev 7**SUBJECT:****Guiding principles for means of proof and indicative evidence under readmission agreements between Schengen States**

Whereas problems have arisen in practice when applying readmission agreements, notably with the means of proof establishing the illegal residence in or transit through the territory of the requested Contracting Party by foreign nationals:

- the Contracting Parties have adopted the following guiding principles which may be of use to the Contracting Parties when applying future readmission agreements.

1. The following documents *inter alia* may be deemed to provide proof of residence or transit:

- an entry stamp affixed to the travel document by the requested Contracting Party;
- an exit stamp of a State adjacent to a Contracting Party, taking into account the travel route and date of the frontier crossing;
- an entry stamp affixed to a false or falsified travel document by the requested Contracting Party;
- travel tickets issued by name which can formally establish entry;
- fingerprints;
- a valid residence permit;
- a valid visa issued by the requested Contracting Party;
- an embarkation/disembarkation card showing the date of entry into the territory of the requested Contracting Party.

2. A presumption of residence or transit may be established *inter alia* by the following indicative evidence:

- statements by officials;
- statements by third parties;
- statements by the person to be transferred;

- an expired residence permit issued by the requested Contracting Party, whatever the type;
- an expired visa issued by the requested Contracting Party;
- documents issued by name in the territory of the requested Contracting Party;
- travel tickets;
- hotel bills;
- cards for access to public or private amenities in the Contracting Parties;
- appointment cards for doctors, dentists, etc.;
- data showing that the person to be transferred has used the services of a facilitator or travel agency.

3. Insofar as the Schengen partners take into account the means of proof listed under point 1 when concluding future readmission agreements, these shall provide conclusive proof of residence or transit. In principle, no further investigation shall be carried out. Evidence to the contrary shall, however, be admissible (e.g. showing a document to be falsified or forged).

4. Insofar as the Schengen partners take into account the evidence listed under point 2 when concluding future readmission agreements, such evidence shall establish a presumption of residence or transit. It is by nature rebuttable by evidence to the contrary.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 21 April 1998
on the activities of the task force
(SCH/Com-ex (98) 1 rev 2)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 6 of the abovementioned convention,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Given the increase in the number of foreign nationals immigrating into the Schengen States, in particular nationals of Iraq and other States, it is necessary — in the context of recommendations either already made or still under discussion in the European Union — to step up external border checks and take practical steps to underpin the effectiveness of such checks in accordance with a joint plan.

In accordance with the rule of specific powers, it is possible within the bounds of the Schengen remit to focus particular attention on the pull factors underlying this irregular immigration flow without losing sight of the fact that other bodies are to deal with the causes of this phenomenon in the regions of origin and transit.

The Executive Committee proposes that the Schengen States immediately begin to implement the following measures for checks at the external borders, whilst taking into account the recommendations contemplated within the European Union in other areas and whilst stressing the need for appropriate steps also to be taken in implementation of the Dublin Convention:

- the reinforcement of entry checks at the external borders by deploying extra personnel and modern technology;
- securing the areas at airports not accessible to the public with regard to flights from outside the Schengen area and transfer passengers; parallel measures at ports serving international traffic;
- the provision of mutual assistance in the initial and further training both of staff responsible for carrying out checks at airports and ports and of airline personnel, for instance by means of bilateral exchange programmes; greater use and the reciprocal provision of modern technology and an increase in the number of staff deployed;

- the inspection of ferries both during loading and when putting out to sea;
- implementing and fostering the harmonisation of sanctions on and arrangements with carriers transporting illegal immigrants to the Schengen area;
- the performance of pre-boarding checks at high-risk points of departure still to be specified;
- the exchange of information on routes and *modus operandi* used for smuggling illegal immigrants, stepping up practical cooperation between police authorities and border protection authorities, stepping up cooperation between these authorities and liaison officers from Schengen States working in third countries; the exchange of officials from the Contracting Parties by mutual agreement in order to monitor the effectiveness of measures to prevent illegal immigration;
- in compliance with the relevant national law, the fingerprinting of every foreign national entering the Schengen area illegally whose identity cannot be established with certainty on the basis of valid documents; retention of fingerprints for the purpose of informing the authorities in other Schengen States; the principles of personal data protection law applicable in the European Union are to be observed;
- in compliance with the relevant national law, preventing foreign nationals who have entered the Schengen area illegally and whose identity cannot be established with certainty from absconding, either until such time as their identity has been clearly established or until the measures required by the aliens police have been ordered and implemented;
- the immediate expulsion of foreign nationals who have entered the territory of the Contracting States illegally insofar as they have no right to remain;
- supporting negotiations on a readmission agreement between the Schengen States on the one hand and Turkey, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Hungary and Slovenia on the other;
- improving practical cooperation between Schengen States in the application of the Dublin Convention.

These measures shall be implemented:

- whilst respecting the national sovereignty of each of the States;
- in accordance with the law of the Contracting States, in other words, if national law so permits;
- without prejudice to the provisions of existing bilateral agreements;
- in accordance with the Schengen implementing convention, and in particular Articles 134 and 142 thereof, in particular regarding the Dublin Convention.

In view of the need to steer the implementation of these measures and build on them, the Presidency is requested to set up a task force composed at least of representatives of the six most affected States. This task force should meet at short intervals and report to the next Executive Committee.

This decision is to be implemented as a complement to the EU action plan. The necessary coordination is to take place at the level of the K4 Committee and the Central Group.

Brussels, 21 April 1998

The Chairman
J. VANDE LANOTTE

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 21 April 1998
on cooperation between the Contracting Parties in returning
foreign nationals by air
(SCH/Com-ex (98) 10)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 23 of the abovementioned convention,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Document SCH/II-read (97) 5 rev 5 on cooperation between the Contracting Parties in connection with the expulsion of foreign nationals by air, attached hereto, is hereby approved. These principles shall be applied from the date of this decision's adoption.

Brussels, 21 April 1998

The Chairman
J. VANDE LANOTTE

SCH/II-Read (97) 5 rev 5**SUBJECT:****Cooperation between the Contracting Parties in connection with the expulsion of foreign nationals by air**

Having regard to the need to give effective shape to the willingness to cooperate that exists between all the Contracting Parties to facilitate the implementation of measures leading to the expulsion of foreign nationals from the Schengen area;

Conscious that the existence of a common area for the free movement of persons must serve as an incentive for cooperation between the bodies responsible for border checks and for applying the legislation on foreign nationals, whenever this proves necessary;

Having regard to the difficulties experienced by the Contracting Parties in the expulsion of foreign nationals transiting the territory of the other Contracting Parties;

Taking into account the recommendation of the Council of the European Union of 30 November 1992 on the adoption of a document on transit for expulsion purposes, the Portuguese Presidency proposes that all the Contracting Parties use a uniform document to request transit (set out in the annex) for the expulsion of foreign nationals.

Request to facilitate transit of foreign nationals for the purposes of their expulsion

The proposed form is to be used on the basis of the following general criteria and aims

- The request to facilitate transit for the purposes of expulsion must be sent to the authority of the State through which the foreign national will transit as quickly as possible but in principle at least two days in advance, except in emergencies, when appropriate justification should be provided.
- The request must contain all the essential information on the persons(s) to be expelled from the Schengen area, i.e. their identity, final destination, travel document used, flight details, as well as the identity of members of the escort and details of the date/time of the flight's arrival at the airport of the requested Contracting Party.
- Under these conditions, all the requested Parties undertake to forward the information relating to the approved transit to the border control officials where the transit is to take place, so that it may be facilitated effectively.
- To this end the procedure to facilitate transit must include, alongside enforcement, other precautionary measures and on each occasion that this proves essential for the

satisfactory enforcement part of the expulsion procedure: an escort by a representative of the border authorities from the requested State from the time of arrival, use of the premises of the requested State, and if necessary, contacts with other airport representatives.

- The request may be refused, especially when the declared period of transit exceeds that permitted by the national law of the requested State.
- The Contracting Parties undertake to provide each other with information on the competent authorities and the respective contact persons to whom the requests in question should be sent.

REQUEST TO FACILITATE TRANSIT FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXPULSION BY AIR

Fax: _____
Tel.: _____

Requesting authority

..... Date:
Official Signature:

Fax: _____
Tel.: _____

Requested authority:

EXPULSION INVOLVING TRANSIT

I.			
Name	Forename	Nationality/Date and place of birth	Travel document No/- Type/Expiry date
.....
.....
.....

II.
Escort yes/no Name/s:

III.
Route/Date/Transit via/Destination

.....	at	on flight	Date:
.....	at	on flight	Date:
.....	at	on flight	Date:
.....	at	on flight	Date:

Decision of the requested authority

Yes/no

(Name/Signature/Date)

IV.
Remarks/Observations:

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 21 April 1998
on the exchange of statistics on issued visas
(SCH/Com-ex (98) 12)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 9 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 16 of the abovementioned convention,

Whereas the exchange of statistics at local level on visas which have been issued and officially refused will enable the various representations to gain an insight into the overall trends in visa applications from countries within their jurisdiction and any possible shifts in applications from one Schengen partner mission on post to another,

Whereas the above overview will enable local consular cooperation to examine the reasons for any trends observed, in particular relating to visa shopping, to draw practical conclusions and, where appropriate, to make the necessary recommendations to their respective national authorities,

Having regard to the heavy administrative burden on the diplomatic missions and consular posts as a result of having to exchange monthly statistics on short-stay visas which have been issued and officially refused requested in note SCH/II (95) 50 rev 2 from Working Group II to the Central Group,

Whereas on the other hand, given that LTVs should only be issued in exceptional cases, the monthly exchange at local level of statistics on the issue of such visas should continue on a monthly basis,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Statistics on short-stay visas which have been issued and officially refused, transit visas and airport transit visas shall be exchanged every quarter.
2. Without prejudice to the obligations arising from Article 16 of the Schengen Convention and explained in Annex 14 to the common consular instructions, according to which the Schengen States shall communicate any data relating to the issuing of LTVs

within a period of 72 hours, the Schengen diplomatic missions and consular posts are hereby earnestly reminded of their obligation (SCH/Com-ex decl. 4) to exchange on a monthly basis statistics on LTVs issued the previous month and to pass on these statistics to their respective central authorities.

3. Chapter VIII of the common consular instructions shall be completed accordingly ⁽¹⁾.

Brussels, 21 April 1998

The Chairman
J. VANDE LANOTTE

⁽¹⁾ See SCH/Com-ex (99) 13.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 23 June 1998
on measures to be taken in respect of countries posing problems
with regard to the issue of documents required for expulsion from
the Schengen territory
(SCH/Com-ex (98) 18 rev)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 23 of the abovementioned convention,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The measures to be taken vis-à-vis countries posing problems with regard to the issue of documents required for expulsion from the Schengen territory shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in the document annexed hereto.

Ostend, 23 June 1998

The Chairman

L. TOBBACK

SCH/II-Read (98) 2 rev 2**Subject:****Measures to be taken in respect of countries posing problems with regard to the issue of documents required for expulsion from the Schengen territory**

The Belgian Presidency has, on several occasions (the Executive Committee meeting on 15 December 1997 in Vienna, the Central Group meetings on 14 January 1998 in Brugge and on 23 February in Luxembourg), expressed its willingness to find solutions to the problems related to the readmission of illegal foreign nationals.

This specifically concerns difficulties encountered in the area of repatriation, due to a lack of cooperation from foreign consulates in the Schengen capitals in issuing *laissez-passers*. Although initial steps to find solutions are currently being contemplated at national level, a joint Schengen approach to this problem might result in more effective solutions.

One of the approaches favoured by Belgium is as follows: a Schengen State finds that it is experiencing serious difficulties in obtaining a *laissez-passer* to repatriate illegal foreign nationals. The Schengen State informs its ambassador in the country concerned and instructs him/her to draw up the measures to be taken locally together with Schengen colleagues.

The Schengen ambassadors might, in the first instance, make contact with the local authorities to alert them to the problem of readmitting their nationals and to make arrangements for ad hoc solutions. The advantage of taking action at local level is that a country's national authorities are sometimes better placed to negotiate the readmission of their nationals than its consular staff in the Schengen capitals.

The readmission subgroup will be informed of any 'local action' taken. The Central Group will inform the Executive Committee of any action taken and the outcome of this action.

Should such contact not produce results, it would be necessary to use other means — undoubtedly of a more binding nature — to raise awareness of the problem, for instance, policy on issuing visas. These measures will be examined within the Group on Visas.

Each Schengen State shall retain the right to decide whether or not it wants to use any retaliatory measures proposed.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 23 June 1998
on Monegasque residence permits
(SCH/Com-ex (98) 19)**

The Executive Committee:

Whereas freedom of movement between France and Monaco was instituted prior to the entry into force of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement;

Whereas the Contracting Parties to the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement have not called into question these rules on freedom of movement,

Whereas on the basis of the agreement on good neighbourly relations between France and Monaco of 18 May 1963, as revised and supplemented by an exchange of letters between France and Monaco of 15 December 1997, the French authorities apply the rules and checks laid down in the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement when carrying out checks on the entry, stay and establishment of foreign nationals in the Principality of Monaco,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

- Monegasque residence permits shall be included in the French section of Annex IV to the common consular instructions ⁽¹⁾ set aside for the French authorities;
- Monaco-Héliport and Monaco-Port de la Condamine shall be added to the authorised external border crossing points in Annex 1 to the common manual ⁽²⁾;
- Monegasque residence permits shall be included in the section of Annex XI to the common manual set aside for the French authorities;
- that the issue or renewal of a Monegasque residence permit shall not oblige a Contracting Party to withdraw an alert for the purposes of refusal of entry from the SIS.

Ostend, 23 June 1998

The Chairman

L. Tobback

⁽¹⁾ See SCH/Com-ex (99) 13.

⁽²⁾ Confidential document. See SCH/Com-ex (98) 17.

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 23 June 1998
on the stamping of passports of visa applicants
(SCH/Com-ex (98) 21)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 9 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 17 of the abovementioned convention,

Whereas it is in the interest of all the Schengen partners to harmonise, by mutual consent, their procedures for issuing visas as part of their common policy on the free movement of persons in order to prevent the same person from lodging multiple visa applications,

Desiring to strengthen consular cooperation for the purpose of combating illegal immigration and illegal networks,

Based on Chapter VIII of the common consular instructions (CCI) ⁽¹⁾ on consular cooperation at local level,

Whereas the mutual exchange of information between the Schengen partners on the fact that a visa application has been lodged in one of their States is a means of preventing multiple or consecutive applications,

Whereas the affixing of a stamp to identify visa applications is a means of preventing the same person from lodging multiple or successive visa applications,

Whereas standardisation of the practice whereby a stamp is affixed to all visa applications irrespective of the country in which these are lodged would help to allay any reluctance that differing practices might create,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The stamp shall be affixed to the passports of all visa applicants. The competent mission or post which receives the application shall decide whether or not to affix a stamp to diplomatic and service passports.

2. The stamp shall contain a third space reserved for the code of the type of visa requested.

⁽¹⁾ See SCH/Com-ex (99) 13.

3. The stamp may also be affixed in the case of applications for long-stay visas.

4. The stamp shall be affixed when a Schengen State is representing another Schengen State. In this case, the third space reserved for designating the code of the type of visa requested shall also contain a note indicating that the State is representing another.

5. In exceptional circumstances when it is impracticable to affix a stamp, the mission or post of the Presidency-in-office shall inform the relevant Schengen group, after carrying out local consular consultation, and shall submit for the group's approval an alternative proposal, for instance involving the exchange of photocopies of passports or lists of rejected visa applications giving grounds for the refusal.

6. As a consequence of point 2, Chapter VIII of the CCI ⁽¹⁾ shall be amended as follows:

'The exchange of information between missions and posts and the identification of applications by means of a stamp or by other means are aimed at preventing the same person from lodging multiple or successive visa applications, either whilst an application is being examined, or after an application has been refused, with the same mission or post or by a different mission or post.

Without prejudice to the consultation which may take place between the missions and posts and the exchange of information which they may carry out, the mission or post with which an application is lodged shall affix to the passports of all visa applicants a stamp stipulating 'Visa applied for on ... at ...'. The space following 'on' shall be filled in with six figures (two for the day, two for the month and two for the year); the second space shall be reserved for the diplomatic mission or consular post concerned; the third space shall be filled in with the code of the type of visa requested.

The competent mission or post which receives the application shall decide whether or not to affix a stamp to diplomatic and service passports.

The stamp may also be affixed in the case of applications for long-stay visas.

When a Schengen State is representing another Schengen State, the third space on the stamp shall show, after the code of the type of visa requested, the indication 'R' followed by the code of the represented State.

Where the visa is issued, the sticker shall, as far as possible, be affixed on top of the identification stamp.

⁽¹⁾ See SCH/Com-ex (99) 13.

In exceptional circumstances when it is impracticable to affix a stamp, the mission or post of the Presidency in office shall inform the relevant Schengen group and submit for the group's approval an alternative proposal, for instance involving the exchange of photocopies of passports or lists of rejected visa applications giving grounds for the refusal.

The heads of the diplomatic missions or consular posts may, on the initiative of the Presidency, adopt at local level additional preventative measures, if such measures prove necessary.'

Ostend, 23 June 1998

The Chairman
L. Tobback

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 27 October 1998
on the adoption of measures to fight illegal immigration
(SCH/Com-ex (98) 37 def 2)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 6 of the abovementioned convention,

- emphasising the necessity to respect human rights and underlining each Contracting State's obligations arising from the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and its protocols, the Geneva Convention on the Legal Status of Refugees and the New York Protocol, the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- taking into account the measures taken by and within the EU to fight illegal immigration and recognising the need for an integrated approach;
- recognising that a policy to combat illegal immigration must lay down appropriate provisions for the examination of asylum applications in compliance with public international law;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The Schengen States are at present particularly affected by substantial waves of immigration.

The Schengen States find it necessary to take the following measures to fight against this immigration:

- drafting and constant updating of a situation report and formulation of proposals for the adaptation of measures by the task force;
- close cooperation with the competent agencies of the countries of origin and transit countries in accordance with national law in the Schengen States, especially with regard to the provision of advice and support by liaison officers of the Schengen States;

- provision of assistance by liaison officers from the Schengen States to the countries of origin and the transit countries, subject to the conditions laid down in No 2, in the form of advice on preventing illegal migration, in accordance with the applicable domestic law, so as to fight against illegal immigration into a Schengen State;
- regular reciprocal briefing of all the Schengen States on the results of expert missions to the countries of origin and transit, especially those applying for EU membership, a factor to be taken into account in connection with support measures;
- implementation of intensive controls at authorised border crossing points at the external borders in accordance with Schengen standards, with special emphasis placed on border sectors affected by immigration;
- fullest possible surveillance of land and sea borders outside authorised border crossing points and in the area behind the border, particularly the border sectors affected by illegal immigration, via the deployment of mobile units;
- checking of non-public areas in ports serving international maritime traffic;
- controls on ferries during loading and embarkation;
- intensification of police measures at national level in accordance with domestic law, particularly on the main transport routes, if possible in concert and in close cooperation with the Schengen partners;
- in compliance with the relevant national law, the fingerprinting of every alien illegal immigrant whose identity cannot be established with certainty; retention of fingerprints for the purpose of informing the authorities in other Schengen States; the principles of data protection law applicable in the framework of Schengen cooperation and in the European Union are to be observed;
- in compliance with the relevant national law, preventing foreign nationals who have entered the Schengen territory illegally and whose identity cannot be established with certainty from absconding, either until such time as their identity has been clearly established or until the measures required by the aliens police have been ordered and implemented;
- immediate and systematic return of third-country nationals who have entered the Schengen States without authorisation provided no right to stay exists and there are no obstacles based on compelling humanitarian grounds or international law;
- imposition of sanctions against carriers which transport passengers without the required entry and transit documents to Schengen States;

- exchange of information — in cooperation with Europol, to the extent that this is permissible in the case of personal data and subject to the agreement of the bodies laid down in the Europol Convention — between the Schengen States' designated central contact points about the situation as it develops, the measures taken and persons apprehended, focusing particularly on organisations involved in smuggling persons and the routes used, and faster transmission of this information to the relevant services;
- coordination of the fight against criminal networks involved in smuggling via information exchange — in cooperation with Europol, to the extent that this is permissible in the case of personal data and subject to the agreement of the bodies laid down in the Europol Convention — between the services responsible for conducting investigations, in accordance with the provisions of the Schengen Convention and subject to national law, together with the coordination of operational measures;
- application *mutatis mutandis* of the relevant measures contained in the EU action plan for preventing the influx of migrants from Iraq and the neighbouring region of 26 January 1998 (EU doc. 5573/98).

**DECISION OF THE CENTRAL GROUP
of 27 October 1998
on the adoption of measures to fight illegal immigration
(SCH/C (98) 117)**

The Central Group,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement in conjunction with the Executive Committee decision of 16 September 1998,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The revised and finalised version of the action plan annexed hereto concerning measures to combat illegal immigration (SCH/Com-ex (98) 37 def) shall be brought into force pursuant to the mandate from the Executive Committee of 16 September 1998.

Brussels, 27 October 1998

The Chairman
B. Schattenberg

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 16 December 1998
on the abolition of the grey list of States whose nationals are subject
to the visa requirement by certain Schengen States
(SCH/Com-ex (98) 53 rev 2)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 9 of the abovementioned convention;

Whereas it is in the interest of all the Schengen States to continue harmonising their visa-issue policy in the context of their common policy on the movement of persons, with a view to preventing possible negative consequences as regards immigration and internal security,

Wishing to abolish, as quickly as possible, the differences which currently exist between the visa rules applied by the Schengen States as regards States mentioned in Section III of the Annex I to the common consular instructions ⁽¹⁾, namely Bolivia and Ecuador,

Having regard to the document entitled 'Basic criteria for inclusion in the Schengen joint list of States subject to the visa requirement' (SCH/M (92) 32 rev) adopted by the ministers and State secretaries in Madrid on 15 December 1992 and the decision of the Executive Committee adopted in Vienna on 15 December 1997 (SCH/Com-ex (98) 32),

Acknowledging that the measures laid down under points 1 and 2 of the decision of the Executive Committee of 15 December 1997 (SCH/Com-ex (97) 32) have been introduced,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Bolivia and Ecuador shall be included in the schedule of States whose nationals are exempted from the visa requirement by all Schengen States.
2. The Schengen States shall introduce the measures necessary for abolishing the visa requirement for Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania by 1 March 1999 at the latest.
3. The Schengen States shall request the Baltic States to accede to the UN convention of 28 September 1954 relating to the status of stateless persons so that all residents of the Baltic States are able to enjoy visa-free travel in the future to the Schengen States.

⁽¹⁾ See SCH/Com-ex (99) 13.

This decision shall enter into force when the Schengen States have given notification that the measures have been implemented.

Berlin, 16 December 1998

The Chairman,
C. H. SCHAPPER

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 16 December 1998
concerning the compilation of a manual of documents
to which a visa may be affixed
(SCH/Com-ex (98) 56)**

In accordance with Article 17(3)(a) of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement, the Executive Committee has drawn up in Annex 11 of the common consular instructions ⁽¹⁾ criteria for documents to which a visa may be affixed.

Pursuant thereto, the subgroup on visas has completed the task of collecting and examining all travel documents in use throughout the world, an activity that has spanned several presidencies. The edited collection of travel documents to which a visa may be affixed makes it possible to give effect to the procedure required under the Schengen Convention whereby a visa valid for all user States may only be issued if the travel document that is to bear the visa is recognised as a valid entry document by all user States.

Starting with Part I, which is now complete, a manual of documents to which a visa may be affixed will be drawn up containing the following sections:

- Part I Travel documents to which a visa may be affixed
- Part II Aliens' passports issued by the Schengen States to which a visa may be affixed
- Part III A list of the travel documents issued by international organisations
- Part IV Gradual compilation of a documentary record containing copies of originals
- Part V Information on known fictitious passports

Individual sections of the manual will be issued to diplomatic missions and consular posts when they are complete. Completed sections may therefore be issued, without the need for subsequent sections to be finished.

The Executive Committee takes note of the fact that Part I, entitled 'Travel documents to which a visa may be affixed', has been forwarded to the diplomatic missions and consular posts for use (see annex — Doc. SCH/II-Visa (96) 59 rev 6) and requests that a report be

⁽¹⁾ See SCH/Com-ex (99) 13.

sent to it on the effectiveness of this measure before June 1999. The diplomatic missions and consular posts are requested to assess the usefulness of this document and report their findings in March 1999.

The manual can be prepared by the General Secretariat on the basis of relevant notes submitted by the delegations.

Berlin, 16 December 1998

The Chairman,
C. H. SCHAPPER

**TABLE OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS ENTITLING THE HOLDER
TO CROSS THE EXTERNAL BORDERS AND TO WHICH
A VISA MAY BE AFFIXED**

GENERAL COMMENTS

Collective passports

Portugal and Spain only recognise collective passports issued in accordance with the European agreement on travel by young persons on collective passports between the member countries of the Council of Europe of 16 December 1961 (up to a maximum of 25 persons as far as Portugal is concerned). However, Portugal does consent to its partners affixing the uniform visa. Spain also accepts other collective passports on a case-by-case basis according to the rule of reciprocity. The visa is affixed on a loose-leaf.

Travel documents for Stateless persons

Austria, Portugal and Iceland are not parties to the Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons, done at New York on 28 September 1954. Austria and Portugal nevertheless consent to their partners affixing the uniform visa to documents issued by the States signatory to the convention. Iceland will make its position known later.

Laissez-passer

A laissez-passer is, in general, only recognised for transit for the purpose of returning to the State of issue.

The following provisions apply as far as Germany is concerned

The official identity documents listed in points 1 to 9 and issued by one of the States which Germany recognises internationally but which have not yet been officially recognised, are accepted as passports or passport replacement documents even if they are not known, subject to certain conditions and in accordance with the law. They may therefore be endorsed with a visa as long as their non-recognition has not been officially pronounced. For the other Schengen States, documents may not be endorsed with a visa if they do not contain the following indications and features: name and surname, date of birth, nationality (apart from refugees' and Stateless persons' passports), photograph, holder's signature and authorisation of return if the document is issued to people other than nationals: these documents are marked with a cross and an asterisk (X*).

The following provisions apply as far as Austria is concerned

If a travel document is not expressly marked 'not recognised' in the following list, it may be endorsed with a visa for Austria — even if it is marked with a 'X' — if:

- it was issued by a duly empowered subject under international law;
- it clearly indicates the identity of the holder;
- it is valid in terms of time;
- it is applicable to the Republic of Austria;
- the right of return to the State which issued the document is guaranteed.

Codes

- 1** Ordinary passport
- 2** Diplomatic passport
- 3** Service passport
- 4** Special passport
- 5** Collective passport
- 6** Children's identity document
- 7** Seaman's book
- 8** Refugee's travel document (Geneva Convention of 28 July 1951)
- 9** Stateless person's travel document (New York Convention of 28 September 1954)
- 10** Alien's travel document
- 11** Other travel documents
- ☒ The document entitles the holder to cross the external borders and may be endorsed with a visa.
- ☐ The document is not recognised by this contracting party.
- ☐ 'The document does not exist' or 'one or the Contracting State(s) has (have) not provided the relevant information'. The document is dealt with as non-recognised document **0**. If the travel document fulfils the conditions fixed by Austria, a visa for Austria may be affixed.
- (X) It is not certain whether or not the document is issued.

Country codes

European Union:

Code	Country
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A	Austria
B	Belgium
DK	Denmark
FIN	Finland
F	France
D	Germany
EL	Greece
IRL	Ireland
I	Italy
L	Luxembourg
NL	Netherlands
P	Portugal
E	Spain
S	Sweden
UK	United Kingdom

Non-EU countries:

Code	Country
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AF	Afghanistan	BT	Bhutan
AL	Albania	BO	Bolivia
DZ	Algeria	BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina
AD	Andorra	BW	Botswana
AO	Angola	BR	Brazil
AG	Antigua and Barbuda	BN	Brunei
AR	Argentina	BG	Bulgaria
AM	Armenia	BF	Burkina Faso
AU	Australia	BI	Burundi
AZ	Azerbaijan	KH	Cambodia
BH	Bahrain	CM	Cameroon
BD	Bangladesh	CA	Canada
BB	Barbados	CV	Cape Verde
BY	Belarus	CF	Central African Republic
BZ	Belize	TD	Chad
BJ	Benin	CL	Chile

CN	China	JO	Jordan
CO	Colombia	KZ	Kazakhstan
CG	Congo	KE	Kenya
CR	Costa Rica	KI	Kiribati
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	KW	Kuwait
HR	Croatia	KG	Kyrgyzstan
CU	Cuba	LA	Laos
CY	Cyprus	LV	Latvia
CZ	Czech Republic	LB	Lebanon
CD	Democratic Republic of the Congo	LS	Lesotho
DJ	Djibouti	LR	Liberia
DM	Dominica	LY	Libya
DO	Dominican Republic	LI	Liechtenstein
EC	Ecuador	LT	Lithuania
EG	Egypt	MG	Madagascar
SV	El Salvador	MW	Malawi
GQ	Equatorial Guinea	MY	Malaysia
ER	Eritrea	MV	Maldives
EE	Estonia	ML	Mali
ET	Ethiopia	MT	Malta
FJ	Fiji	MH	Marshall Islands
MK ⁽¹⁾	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	MR	Mauritania
GA	Gabon	MU	Mauritius
GE	Georgia	MX	Mexico
GH	Ghana	FM	Micronesia
GD	Grenada	MD	Moldova
GT	Guatemala	MC	Monaco
GN	Guinea	MN	Mongolia
GW	Guinea-Bissau	MA	Morocco
GY	Guyana	MZ	Mozambique
HT	Haiti	MM	Myanmar
HN	Honduras	NA	Namibia
HU	Hungary	NR	Nauru
IS	Iceland	NP	Nepal
IN	India	NZ	New Zealand
ID	Indonesia	NI	Nicaragua
IR	Iran	NE	Niger
IQ	Iraq	NG	Nigeria
IL	Israel	KP	North Korea
JM	Jamaica	NO	Norway
JP	Japan	OM	Oman
		PK	Pakistan
		PW	Palau
		PS	Palestinian Authority
		PA	Panama
		PG	Papua New Guinea

⁽¹⁾ Provisional code which does not prejudice in any way the definitive nomenclature for this country, which will be agreed following the conclusion of negotiations currently taking place on this subject at the United Nations.

PY	Paraguay	TW	Taiwan
PE	Peru	TJ	Tajikistan
PH	Philippines	TZ	Tanzania
PL	Poland	TH	Thailand
QA	Qatar	BS	The Bahamas
RO	Romania	KM	The Comoros
RU	Russia	GM	The Gambia
RW	Rwanda	TG	Togo
KN	Saint Kitts and Nevis	TO	Tonga
LC	Saint Lucia	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	TN	Tunisia
SM	San Marino	TR	Turkey
ST	São Tomé and Príncipe	TM	Turkmenistan
SA	Saudi Arabia	TV	Tuvalu
SN	Senegal	UG	Uganda
SC	Seychelles	UA	Ukraine
SL	Sierra Leone	AE	United Arab Emirates
SG	Singapore	US	United States
SK	Slovakia	UY	Uruguay
SI	Slovenia	UZ	Uzbekistan
SB	Solomon Islands	VU	Vanuatu
SO	Somalia	VA	Vatican City
ZA	South Africa	VE	Venezuela
KR	South Korea	VN	Vietnam
LK	Sri Lanka	WS	Western Samoa
SD	Sudan	YE	Yemen
SR	Suriname	YU	Yugoslavia
SZ	Swaziland	ZM	Zambia
CH	Switzerland	ZW	Zimbabwe
SY	Syria		

AD — Andorra

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
3													
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>identity document for Andorrans</i>	X	X			X	X	X		X			X	

AE — United Arab Emirates

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4			X				X						X
5													
6													
7		X				X	O	X					
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>temporary passport</i> — <i>travel document (brown cover)</i>							O						

AF — Afghanistan

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>business passport</i>	X		X				X ⁽¹⁾		X				

(¹) Treated as an ordinary passport.

AG — Antigua and Barbuda

[illegible]

AL — Albania

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6 ⁽¹⁾			O				O						
7			X										
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>laissez-passer</i>		O			O	X	O						

(1) Laissez-passer (loose-leaf card).

AM — Armenia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6			O										
7													
8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11 — <i>certificate of repatriation to the Republic of Armenia</i>							X ⁽¹⁾						

(1) Recognised for exit or transit for return to Armenia.

AO — Angola

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11													
— salvo condotto issued by diplomatic missions			X (1)				X (2)					X (2)	
— salvo condotto issued by the Emigration and Borders Department							o						

(1) Only for the purpose of transit if the route crosses the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany and the FRG is not explicitly excluded from the territorial scope of the document.

(2) Recognised for exit or transit to return to Angola.

AR — Argentina

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X				X	X	X					X
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10 ⁽¹⁾							O						
11 — certificado de viaje — consular passport category C — pasaporte provisorio category A (valid 60 days)							O X ⁽²⁾ X ⁽³⁾						

⁽¹⁾ Pasaporte especial para extranjeros.⁽²⁾ Treated like an ordinary passport.⁽³⁾ Recognised for exit or transit to return to Argentina.**AU — Australia**

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7								X					
8 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11 — document of identity — certificate of identity — emergency travel document (separate sheet)	X ⁽²⁾ X ⁽²⁾	X ⁽²⁾	X ⁽²⁾ X ⁽²⁾		O O	O O	O O O		O O			X ⁽²⁾ X ⁽²⁾	

⁽¹⁾ Document not issued on 7.5.1998.⁽²⁾ Only recognised if the document contains an authorisation of return.

AZ — Azerbaijan

[illegible]

BA — Bosnia and Herzegovina

[illegible]

BB — Barbados

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X			X	X	X	X	X			X	
8													
9 ⁽¹⁾	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11 — certificate of identity — emergency passport (valid for a single journey only)					o o		o o		o				

(¹) Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

BD — Bangladesh

[illegible]

BF — Burkina Faso

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10			O										
11 — pilgrim's passport — laissez-passer (loose-leaf) — safe conduct (for aliens)					O		O O O					O	

BG — Bulgaria

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5	X		O				O						
6													
7	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10 ⁽¹⁾			X ⁽²⁾										
11 — Bulgarian boatman's card for the Danube — travel document for return to Bulgaria (feuille de route)	X X		X				O X ⁽³⁾					O X ⁽³⁾	

⁽¹⁾ Travel document issued to individuals without persons in their charge (blue cover).⁽²⁾ If the requisite return visa is contained in English, French or German in the passport replacement document.⁽³⁾ Recognised for exit or transit for return to Bulgaria.

BH — Bahrain

[illegible]

(1) If the passport replacement document is valid for the Federal Republic of Germany and contains the required authorisation of return.

BI — Burundi[illegible]

BJ — Benin

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7							X	X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11													

BN — Brunei

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10													
11		O	X ⁽¹⁾				O						
— international certificate of identity (issued to Stateless persons)													
— emergency certificate			O										

⁽¹⁾ Recognised for a stay of a maximum of three months if the requisite re-entry visa is already contained in the passport replacement document on exit.

BO — Bolivia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4						X							
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11													

BR — Brazil

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X			X	X	X	X	X			X	
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10 ⁽¹⁾	X		X				O		O			X ⁽²⁾	
11 — nationality certificate — safe conduct — autorização de retorno ao Brazil — laissez-passer (double loose-leaf)							X ⁽³⁾ O		O O			X ⁽³⁾ X ⁽⁴⁾	

⁽¹⁾ *Pasaporte para estrangeiros* (yellow cover) and laissez-passer for aliens (brown cover).⁽²⁾ Recognised if the document contains a return permit.⁽³⁾ Recognised for exit or transit for return to Brazil.⁽⁴⁾ Recognised for exit from Portugal.

BS — The Bahamas

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7							X	X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>certificate of identity</i>			O		O		O						

BT — Bhutan

[illegible]

BW — Botswana

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11													

BY — Belarus

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7						X	O	X				X	X
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>certificate of returning to the Republic of Belarus</i>							X ⁽¹⁾						

⁽¹⁾ Recognised for exit or transit for return to Belarus.

BZ — Belize

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6													
7		X			X		X	X	X			X	
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — passport office (on double loose-leaf) — temporary passport (on double loose-leaf)							O O						

CA — Canada

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3													X
4	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
5													
6													
7		X			X	X	X	X	X			X	
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — certificate of identity — emergency passport for a single journey only		O	O		O		O X ⁽¹⁾		O				

⁽¹⁾ Recognised for exit and transit for return to Canada.

CD — Democratic Republic of the Congo

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2 ⁽²⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3 ⁽³⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6													
7						X		X	O			X	
8	X	X		X	X	X	X ⁽³⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11													

⁽¹⁾ Only ordinary passports issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs may be endorsed.

⁽²⁾ Bearing the indication 'République Démocratique du Congo'.

⁽³⁾ This document was not issued on 7.5.1998.

CF — Central African Republic

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — six-month special passport — safe-conduct replacing the provisional passport — service passport (in loose- leaf form) — non-consular laissez- passer		O			O		O O O					O	

CG — Congo

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6 ⁽²⁾	X ⁽³⁾	X ⁽³⁾	X				O		X ⁽³⁾				
7		X	O		X	X	X	X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X ⁽⁴⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>safe conduct</i> — <i>certificate of identity and travel valid as a provisional passport</i> — <i>laissez-passer replacing a diplomatic passport</i>							O O O						

(1) Does not cover passports (red cover) issued between 5.6.1997 and 1.12.1998 not recognised by the Congolese authorities. The new passports introduced since 1.12.1998 have a brown cover.

(2) Certificate of identity for travel for children aged under three.

(3) Only valid if the holders are accompanied by their parents.

(4) This document was not issued on 7.5.1998.

CH — Switzerland

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	X	X	X		X	X	X		X			X	
5	X	X ⁽¹⁾			X		X ⁽¹⁾		X			X	
6	X	X					X		X				
7	X	X				X	X		X				
8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10 ⁽²⁾			X				O						X
11 — <i>Swiss identity card</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

(1) Group passports issued in accordance with the European Convention of 16.12.1961 and group passport for young persons.

(2) Passport for aliens (burgundy cover) and certificate for aliens without papers (grey cover).

CI — Côte d'Ivoire

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X			X	X	X	X	X				
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>safe conduct</i> — <i>laissez-passer</i>			X				O						

CL — Chile

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4		X	X				X					X	
5													
6 ⁽¹⁾			X			○	○						
7		X					X	X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — consular passport — documento de viaje para extranjeros — título de viaje para extranjeros — salvo conducto (laissez-passer)			X X ○				X ⁽²⁾						

⁽¹⁾ Documento de viaje/travel document for children of Chilean nationals aged under 21, born abroad.

⁽²⁾ Recognised for exit and transit for return to Chile.

CM — Cameroon

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4			○				○						
5													
6													
7		X			X		X	X	X			X	
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — temporary diplomatic passport (loose-leaf)							○					○	

CN — China

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X	X			X	X	X	X				
8 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10 ⁽²⁾							○						
11													
— public affairs passport	X	X	X				X ⁽⁷⁾		X				
— travel permit		○					○						
— HKSAR (Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong passport)	X	X	X ⁽⁵⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
— document of identity for visa purposes (HK)	X ⁽⁴⁾	○	X ⁽⁶⁾	X	○	○	○	X	X ⁽⁵⁾	X		X	
— certificate of identity (HK) ⁽³⁾	X	X	X ⁽⁶⁾	X	○	X	X	X	X ⁽⁵⁾	X		X	
— repatriation certificate							X ⁽⁸⁾						
— laissez-passer							○						

⁽¹⁾ Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

⁽²⁾ Aliens' travel document/travel document for foreigners (booklet with a grey cover).

⁽³⁾ The issue of identity certificates has been discontinued since 1 July 1997 and identity certificates can therefore not be renewed. These are valid for 10 years. This only concerns certificates issued before 1 July 1997.

⁽⁴⁾ If page 4 of the document contains the entry 'the holder of this document may return to HK during its validity without a visa'.

⁽⁵⁾ Holders and Chinese nationals are subject to the visa requirement.

⁽⁶⁾ If the requisite return permit is contained in the passport replacement document the holder is subject to the visa requirement.

⁽⁷⁾ Treated like an ordinary passport.

⁽⁸⁾ Recognised for exit or transit for return to China.

CO — Colombia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X				X	X	X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — Documento de viaje — Pasaporte provisional			O				O X ⁽¹⁾					X ⁽²⁾	

(1) Recognised for exit and transit for return to Colombia.

(2) Recognised by Portugal if the document contains an authorisation to return.

CR — Costa Rica

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10 ⁽¹⁾			O		O		O		O				
11 — safe conduct (in the form of a booklet)/provisional passport (dark green booklet) — consular passport			X ⁽²⁾ X				O		O				

(1) *Documento de identidad y viaje* (bright green card).

(2) Holders are subject to the visa requirement.

CU — Cuba

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3 ⁽²⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7					X	X	X	X	X			X	X
8													
9													
10													
11 — Certificado de identidad y viaje							O						

(1) Recognised by Germany subject to certain conditions (existence of an exit permit (*permiso de salida*) and an entry permit (*permiso de regreso*)).

(2) *Pasaporte oficial and pasaporte de servicio.*

CV — Cape Verde

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X					X	X				X	
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>travel document</i>							O						

CY — Cyprus

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5							X						
6													
7						X	O	X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>certificate of identity</i>	X	X	O			X	O		O			X (1)	

(1) Recognised by Portugal if the document contains an authorisation of return.

CZ — Czech Republic

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7					X		X	X					X
8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10 (1)			X (2)		O		O						
11 — <i>emergency passport/ Cestovní Průkaz</i>			X				X (3)						

(1) *Cestovní Průkaz Totosnoti* (in booklet and loose-leaf form).

(2) *Cestovní Průkaz Totosnoti* in booklet form, if the requisite return visa sticker has been filled in and is contained in the document replacing the passport. The return permit printed on page 2 of the specimen passport is not sufficient; the document is not recognised if it is in loose-leaf format.

(3) Recognised for exit or transit to return to the Czech Republic.

DJ — Djibouti

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X	X*		X	X	X	X	X			X	
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11							O						
— <i>laissez-passer replacing passport (loose-leaf)</i>							O						
— <i>special laissez-passer</i>													

DM — Dominica

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5							O						
6													
7		X	X ⁽¹⁾		X	X	X	X	X			X	
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11							O						
— <i>intercommonwealth Caribbean travel document</i>							O						
— <i>certificate of identity</i>							O						
— <i>emergency passport</i>							O						

(1) Seamen's certificate.

DO — Dominican Republic

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7			X ⁽¹⁾				X	X	X				
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11													

⁽¹⁾ Seamen's certificate.

DZ — Algeria

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X	X		X		X	X	X			X	X
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11 — <i>diplomatic laissez-passer</i> — <i>laissez-passer</i>			X				X ⁽²⁾						

⁽¹⁾ Only if the place and date of birth are indicated.

⁽²⁾ Recognised for exit or transit to return to Algeria.

EC — Ecuador

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4		X	X			X	X	X	X			X	
5							X						
6													
7							X						
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11													

EE — Estonia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3													
4													
5													
6													
7		X	X ⁽¹⁾				O	X	X ⁽¹⁾			O	
8 ⁽²⁾	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10 ⁽³⁾	X	X	X ⁽⁴⁾		X	X	O		X	X		X ⁽⁵⁾	X
11 — temporary travel document — certificate of return to Estonia					O		O X ⁽⁶⁾	X	O				X

(1) Not recognised when issued to a third-country national. The recognised seaman's book is only issued to Estonian nationals and is called a 'seaman's discharge book'.

(2) The document was not issued on 7.5.1998.

(3) Alien's passport.

(4) If the passport replacement document contains the requisite return permit (authorisation of stay for a limited or unlimited period for Estonia) with sufficient length of validity.

(5) Recognised by Portugal if it contains a residence permit.

(6) Recognised for exit or transit to return to Estonia.

EG — Egypt

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4		X	X		X	X	X		X			X	
5		X					○						
6													
7		X	X			X	X	X	X				
8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11		X					X ⁽¹⁾		○				
— student's passport (blue cover)													
— travel document for Palestinian refugees			X				X ⁽²⁾		○				
— provisional travel document					○		○						
— laissez-passer (brown)							○						

(1) Dealt with like an ordinary passport.

(2) Can be covered only if it contains a return permit.

ER — Eritrea[illegible]

ET — Ethiopia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3			X										
4	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
5													
6													
7		X						X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>laissez-passer</i> — <i>emergency document of</i> <i>identity for non-Ethiopian</i> <i>nationals</i>	X X		O			O	O						

FJ — Fiji

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3													
4													
5													
6													
7					X		X	X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11 — <i>certificate of identity</i>					O		O		O				

FM — Micronesia

[illegible]**GA — Gabon**[illegible]

GD — Grenada

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X			X		X	X	X				
8													
9													
10													
11 — 'British West India' travel permit — provisional passport / emergency passport							O O						

GE — Georgia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7			X (1)				X		X				
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>laissez-passer</i> — <i>identification document</i>		X (2)	O				O						

(1) Only if the seaman's book shows that the person concerned is a Georgian national.

(2) Issued to Georgian nationals with re-entry visa.

GH — Ghana

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X			X	X	X	X	X			X	
8	X	X	X (1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — alien's identity certificate — travel booklet					o o		o o					o	

(¹) If the passport replacement document contains a return permit with a sufficient period of validity.

GM — The Gambia

[illegible]

GN — Guinea

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7						X	X	X					X
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11 — travel document replacing passport — diplomatic loose-leaf document			X				O						

GQ — Equatorial Guinea

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4			X										
5													
6					X								
7													
8 ⁽²⁾	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11													

⁽¹⁾ *Pasaporte de servicio* (blue cover) and official-duty passport (brown cover).⁽²⁾ Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

GT — Guatemala

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5							O					O	
6													
7					X		X	X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — consular passport — cedula de identidad refugiado	X						X O						

GW — Guinea-Bissau

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X			X	X	X	X	X			X	
8 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — laissez-passer — travel document							O					X ⁽²⁾	

⁽¹⁾ Document not issued on 7.5.1998.⁽²⁾ Recognised for exit or transit for return to State of residence.

GY — Guyana

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6													
7		X			X	X	X	X	X			X	
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>inter-Caribbean travel document</i>	O												

HN — Honduras

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4		X	X (2)				X						
5													
6													
7		X	X (3)		X	X	X	X	X			X	
8 (1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>emergency passport</i>							O		O				

(1) Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

(2) If the date of birth is indicated in the passport.

(3) Only if the seaman's book shows that the person concerned is a Honduran national.

HR — Croatia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5	X ⁽²⁾		X ⁽³⁾				O						
6													
7	X		X ⁽³⁾			X	X	X	X				
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10 ⁽¹⁾			O				O						
11 — Brodarska Knjizica Schif- fausweis (<i>staff ID card for</i> <i>navigation within Croatia</i>) — <i>laissez-passer</i> (Putni list)	X		X ⁽³⁾ X ⁽⁴⁾				O X ⁽⁵⁾					X ⁽⁵⁾	

⁽¹⁾ Putni list za stranca (travel document for foreign nationals).

⁽²⁾ With photograph of each person entered on the group passport.

⁽³⁾ Holders are subject to the visa requirement.

⁽⁴⁾ Only for the purpose of transit if the logical route of return to Croatia crosses the Federal Republic of Germany.

⁽⁵⁾ Recognised for exit and transit for return to Croatia.

HT — Haiti

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>identity and travel</i> <i>certificate</i>							O						

⁽¹⁾ Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

HU — Hungary

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5			O										
6													
7		X	X			X	X	X				X	
8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10 ⁽¹⁾	O	X	X ⁽²⁾		O		O					X ⁽³⁾	
11 — <i>boatman's service passport</i> — <i>certificate of returning home for Hungarian nationals (in loose-leaf form)</i> — <i>travel document issued for a single journey (in loose-leaf)</i>	X		O X ⁽⁴⁾				O X ⁽³⁾ O		X			O X ⁽³⁾	

⁽¹⁾ Travel document for Stateless persons.

⁽²⁾ Recognised provided the authorisation of stay is written in a Germanic or Romance language.

⁽³⁾ Recognised for exit or transit for return to Hungary.

⁽⁴⁾ Only for the purposes of transit if the logical route for return to Hungary crosses the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany; holders are subject to the visa requirement.

ID — Indonesia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X	X			X	O	X					
8													
9													
10 ⁽¹⁾		O					O		O			O	
11 — 'passport-like travel document for Indonesian citizens' — 'Haj passport' (pilgrim's passport)							O		X			O	
							O		O			O	

⁽¹⁾ Travel document in lieu of a passport for foreigners.

IL — Israel

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	X												
5							X						
6													
7		X					X	X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X		X	X	O	X ⁽²⁾	X			X ⁽³⁾	
11 — <i>laissez-passer issued by the apostolic delegation of Jerusalem</i> — <i>travel document (brown)</i>		O					X						
			X ⁽⁴⁾		X ⁽⁴⁾		X ⁽⁴⁾						

⁽¹⁾ Travel document in lieu of national passport (orange cover).

⁽²⁾ With a visa.

⁽³⁾ Recognised by Portugal if the document contains a return permit.

⁽⁴⁾ If the requisite return permit is contained in the document in lieu of a passport.

IN — India

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7 ⁽¹⁾		X	O			X	X	X					
8													
9													
10 ⁽²⁾			O				X ⁽³⁾						
11													

⁽¹⁾ Continuous certificate of discharge and continuous discharge certificate.

⁽²⁾ Certificate of identity.

⁽³⁾ Only recognised if the holder is a Tibetan refugee.

IQ — Iraq

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
4							X						
5													
6													
7		X	O		X	X	X	X	X			X	
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>travel document for Palestinians</i>			X		X								

⁽¹⁾ Diplomatic passport (green cover) and diplomatic passport for diplomatic carrier (red cover).

IR — Iran[illegible]

(1) Only for transit and if the document in lieu of passport shows that the person concerned is an Iranian national.

JM — Jamaica[illegible]

JO — Jordan

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	X	X	X		X	X	X		X			X	
5													
6													
7 ⁽¹⁾							X						
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>travel document</i>			O				O						

⁽¹⁾ Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

JP — Japan

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X					O	X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10 ⁽¹⁾	X		X ⁽²⁾		O		O		X			X	
11 — <i>travel for return to Japan</i>			X ⁽³⁾										

⁽¹⁾ Re-entry permit to Japan.

⁽²⁾ Holders are subject to the visa requirement.

⁽³⁾ Only for the purposes of transit, the holders are subject to the visa requirement.

KE — Kenya

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3													
4													
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>certificate of identity</i>							O						

KG — Kyrgyzstan[illegible]

KH — Cambodia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X				O	O	X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>emergency passport for travel to the Kingdom of Cambodia</i>							X ⁽¹⁾					X ⁽¹⁾	

(1) Recognised for exit or transit for return to Cambodia.

KI — Kiribati

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3													
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11 — <i>emergency certificate</i> — <i>foreign investor's passport</i>			O O				O O		O O			O	

KM — The Comoros

[illegible]

KN — Saint Kitts and Nevis

[illegible]

KP — North Korea

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7						O	X						
8													
9													
10													
11													

KR — South Korea

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6													
7		X	X*			X	O	X				X	
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11 — <i>travel certificate</i>	X	X	X			X	O		X				

KW — Kuwait

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3			X										
4	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
5													
6													
7							O						
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>emergency document valid for one trip to Kuwait only</i> — <i>laissez-passer</i>			O			X O	X ⁽¹⁾						

⁽¹⁾ Recognised for exit or transit to return to Kuwait.

KZ — Kazakhstan

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10 ⁽²⁾			X ⁽³⁾				O	X					
11													

⁽¹⁾ Only if the return permit is contained in the passport.

⁽²⁾ Stateless person certificate.

⁽³⁾ If the document in lieu of passport contains the exit visa and the requisite return visa.

LA — Laos

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7						O	O					O	
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>laissez-passer</i> (replacing <i>passport</i>)							X ⁽¹⁾						

(1) Recognised for exit or transit to return to Laos.

LB — Lebanon

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3													
4	X	X	X		X	X	X		X			X	
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>laissez-passer</i> — <i>travel document for</i> <i>Palestinian refugees</i>	X		O O		X		O X ⁽¹⁾		X			O O	

(1) Covered if the residence permit is included in the document.

LC — Saint Lucia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3	X	X						X			X		
4													
5 ⁽¹⁾							O						
6													
7		X			X		X	X	X			X	
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>inter-Caribbean travel permit</i> — <i>certificate of identity (loose-leaf)</i> — <i>emergency passport/ passeport provisoire</i>							O O O						

⁽¹⁾ Collective travel document.

LI — Liechtenstein

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5	X	X	X*			X	X		X				
6	X	X	X*				X		X				
7													
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10 ⁽¹⁾			X				O						
11 — <i>national identification card</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

⁽¹⁾ *Pass für Ausländer* (passport for foreigners).

LK — Sri Lanka

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X						X	X			X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X				X	O	X					
8													
9													
10													
11 — emergency certificate — identity certificate							O O						

LR — Liberia[illegible]

LS — Lesotho

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11													

LT — Lithuania

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3													
4													
5													
6 ⁽¹⁾	X		X				O	X					X
7		X	X			X	O	X					X
8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9			X										
10						X							
11 — repatriation certificate		X ⁽²⁾					X ⁽²⁾	X					

⁽¹⁾ Child's travel document.⁽²⁾ Recognised for exit or transit for return to Lithuania.

LV — Latvia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3													
4													
5													
6													
7		X	O		X	X	X	X				X	
8 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10 ⁽²⁾	X	X	X ⁽⁴⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
11 — <i>certificate of return</i>		X ⁽³⁾					X ⁽⁵⁾					X	

⁽¹⁾ Not issued on 7.5.1998.

⁽²⁾ Identification document (Stateless person's travel document)/*personas apliciba* (brown cover) which will expire on 10.4.1999 and alien's passport (purple cover).

⁽³⁾ If the requisite return permit is contained in the document in lieu of passport (stamp in Latvian and English).

⁽⁴⁾ Solely for the purposes of transit to Latvia.

⁽⁵⁾ Recognised for exit or transit for return to Latvia.

LY — Libya

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X	X ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X ⁽²⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X ⁽²⁾	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
4							X ⁽²⁾						
5													
6													
7		X	X*				X	X	X				
8													
9 ⁽³⁾	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11			○				○						
— temporary travel document			○				○						
— travel document for Palestinian refugees	X		○		X		○		○				
— laissez-passer (32 page booklet, dark green cover)							○						

(1) Covered if it contains a stamp with a person's identity, date and place of birth, date and place of issue and expiry data translated into French or English.

(2) Covered if the headings contained on pages 2 to 6 on the person and issue of the passport are translated into French or English.

(3) Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

MA — Morocco

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	X		X		X		X					X	
5													
6													
7		X	X		X	X	X		X				
8	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11													

MC — Monaco

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>identification card</i>	X	X	X		X	X	X		X			X	

MD — Moldova

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10 ⁽¹⁾		O				O	O						
11 — <i>travel document</i>		X ⁽²⁾					X ⁽³⁾						

⁽¹⁾ Passport for Stateless persons.⁽²⁾ Only with re-entry visa.⁽³⁾ Recognised for exit or transit for return to Moldova.**MG — Madagascar**

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X				X	X	X					
8 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11 — <i>safe conduct for people of uncertain nationality</i>			X ⁽²⁾				O					O	

⁽¹⁾ Document not issued on 7.5.1998.⁽²⁾ If the document in lieu of passport carries a valid re-entry visa.

MH — Marshall Islands

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>certificate of identity</i>					O		O						

MK — Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ⁽¹⁾

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5			X				O						
6													
7													
8	X	X		X		O	(X)	X	X			X	
9							(X)	X	X				
10 ⁽²⁾			O			O	O					X	
11 — <i>emergency passport</i>							X ⁽³⁾						

⁽¹⁾ Although the name 'Macedonian Republic' appearing on the document is not recognised, the document is recognised as a valid travel document.

⁽²⁾ Passport for foreigners.

⁽³⁾ Recognised for exit or transit to the FYROM.

ML — Mali

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3		X			X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11			X				○ ○						

(¹) Only issued to former diplomats and their family.

MM — Myanmar[illegible]

MN — Mongolia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10													
11													

MR — Mauritania

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6													
7													
8 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11													

⁽¹⁾ Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

MV — Maldives

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7						X	O						
8													
9													
10													
11 — temporary travel document		O					O						X

MW — Malawi

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — emergency certificate — travel document in lieu of a national passport			X ⁽¹⁾ X ⁽²⁾									X ⁽³⁾	

(1) Only for transit purposes; holders are subject to the visa requirement.

(2) Only if the Federal Republic of Germany is mentioned as the State of destination in the document in lieu of a passport; holders are subject to the visa requirement.

MX — Mexico

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X			X	X	X	X	X			X	
8													
9													
10													
11 — documento de identidad y viaje							O						

MY — Malaysia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X						X					
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>certificate of identity</i> <i>(booklet with brown cover,</i> <i>32 pages)</i> — <i>emergency certificate</i>		O O	O O		O 		O X ⁽¹⁾		O O				

⁽¹⁾ Recognised for exit or transit for return to Malaysia.

MZ — Mozambique

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7						X	O					X	
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>student's passport</i> — <i>travel document</i>	O						O						

NA — Namibia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10 (1)	X						O						
11 — <i>emergency travel certificate</i> — <i>Council of the United Nations travel document for Namibia</i>			X (2) X (3)										

(1) Document for travel purposes.

(2) Only for transit purposes, provided that the document replacing the passport contains a photo of the holder and is also valid for the Federal Republic of Germany.

(3) Provided that the document contains authorisation to return to the country in which the holder has resided to date or authorisation entitling the holder to enter the territory of another State.

NE — Niger

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>diplomatic passport (loose-leaf)</i>							O						

(1) Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

NG — Nigeria

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X	X			X	X	X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>emergency certificate</i>							X ⁽¹⁾						

(1) Recognised for exit or transit for return to Nigeria.

NI — Nicaragua

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4			X										
5													
6													
7													
8 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10 ⁽²⁾			X				O		O				
11 — salvo conducto (<i>loose-leaf</i>) — pasaporte ordinario provisional — pasaporte provisional			X ⁽³⁾		O		O X ⁽⁴⁾					O	

⁽¹⁾ Not issued on 7.5.1998.

⁽²⁾ *Identidad y viaje*

⁽³⁾ Provided that the document replacing the passport contains a visa for another entry valid for Nicaragua and that the document is valid for the Federal Republic of Germany.

⁽⁴⁾ Recognised for exit or transit for return to Nicaragua.

NP — Nepal

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>travel document (loose-leaf)</i>							O						

NR — Nauru

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3													
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10													
11													

NZ — New Zealand

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X				X	X	X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10 ⁽¹⁾			X ⁽²⁾		O		O		O			X ⁽²⁾	
11													

⁽¹⁾ Identity certificate.⁽²⁾ Recognised if the document contains a return permit.

OM — Oman

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4							X		X				
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10													
11 — temporary travel permit — travel document (dark green)			X (1)				O						

(1) Provided that the document is valid for the Federal Republic of Germany.

PA — Panama

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4			X				X		O			X	
5													
6													
7		X	O		X	X	X	X	X			X	
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — consular passport — student passport — salvo conducto issued by the Ministry of the Interior and of Justice			X				X O						

PE — Peru

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
4		X	X				X		X				
5													
6													
7		X				X	X	X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>safe-conduct</i>									O				

PG — Papua New Guinea

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X				X	O	X					
8 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>certificate of identity</i> — <i>emergency travel document</i>							O						

⁽¹⁾ Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

PH — Philippines

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X	X			X	O	X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>travel document</i>			X				O						

PK — Pakistan

[illegible]

PL — Poland

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5	X (1)		X (2)				○						
6													
7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10 (3)	X (4)	○			○		○						
11													
— consular passport	X		X (6)				○						
— permit for seagoing personnel	X						○						
— provisional travel document							○						
— emergency travel document/ Paszport Blankietowy	X (5)		X (7)					X					

(1) Accompanied by an identity card valid for the Republic of Poland.

(2) Provided that the guide has a valid Polish passport and that the members of the group have an identity card with a photo.

(3) Travel document (document *podrozy*).

(4) Solely booklet form recognised.

(5) Recognised for exit and transit for return to Poland.

(6) In booklet form, if the document is valid for the Federal Republic of Germany; in loose-leaf form only for transit purposes.

(7) Solely for transit purposes.

PS — Palestinian Authority

[illegible]

(1) Provided that the holder is officially resident in the independent territories.

PW — Palau[illegible]

PY — Paraguay

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4			X										
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11													

QA — Qatar

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	X		X				X		X				
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10													
11 — travel document — travel permit			O				X ⁽¹⁾ O						

⁽¹⁾ Can only be covered if the return permit is contained in the travel document.

RO — Romania

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5			X ⁽¹⁾										
6													
7		X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	
8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11													
— consular passport	X		X ⁽²⁾		O		X ⁽³⁾					X ⁽³⁾	
— Danube boatman's card	X	O					O					O	
— passport for persons without citizenship (also issued to Romanians who have lost their nationality)		O					O					O	
— travel document (issued to illegal aliens)													
— certificate of return (simple declaration)			X ⁽²⁾										

⁽¹⁾ Provided that the document is valid for the Federal Republic of Germany.

⁽²⁾ Solely for transit purposes.

⁽³⁾ Recognised for exit or transit for return to Romania.

RU — Russia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X	X ⁽¹⁾		X	X	X	X	X			X	X
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>Danube boatman's card</i> — <i>repatriation certificate</i>	X		X ⁽²⁾				○	X				○	

(1) Provided that it is clear from the seaman's book that the person concerned is of Russian nationality and that there is proof that the person is on the crew list.

(2) Solely for transit purposes.

RW — Rwanda ⁽¹⁾

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>laissez-passer replacing the passport</i>							○						

(1) Passports issued before 30.9.1996 are no longer valid.

SC — Seychelles

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6													
7		X			X	X	X	X	X			X	
8 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>emergency passport</i>							O						

⁽¹⁾ Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

SD — Sudan

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4			X										
5													
6													
7		X					O	X					
8	X	X	X ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>emergency travel document</i>							O						

⁽¹⁾ Provided that the return permit is contained in the document replacing the passport.

SG — Singapore

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6													
7		X				X	X	X					
8													
9													
10	X						o						
11 — certificate of identity — international certificate of identity with return visa — document of identity ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X X ⁽²⁾			X	o o X ⁽³⁾						

⁽¹⁾ Only for Singapore nationals.

⁽²⁾ Solely for transit purposes and provided that the route logically passes through the Federal Republic of Germany.

⁽³⁾ Recognised for exit or transit for return to Singapore.

SI — Slovenia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	X ⁽¹⁾												
5							O		X				
6													
7		X				X	X		X				
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9 ⁽²⁾	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10 ⁽³⁾			O				O						
11 — <i>identity card</i> — <i>boatman's card</i> — <i>emergency passport</i>	X X X						O O X ⁽⁴⁾		X				

⁽¹⁾ Accompanied by an official pass proving the identity of the holder.

⁽²⁾ Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

⁽³⁾ Passport for foreigners.

⁽⁴⁾ Recognised for exit or transit for return to Slovenia.

SK — Slovakia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6	X												
7			X			X	X						
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10 ⁽¹⁾	X		X		O		O						
11 — <i>travelling document</i> (<i>cestovny preukaz</i>)	X		X ⁽²⁾				X ⁽³⁾						

⁽¹⁾ *Cestovny preukaz totožnosti*/travel identity card (booklet) and *cestovny preukaz totožnosti* (loose-leaf).

⁽²⁾ Solely for transit purposes, if in order to return to Slovakia the person has to logically travel through the Federal Republic of Germany.

⁽³⁾ Recognised for exit or transit to return to Slovakia.

SL — Sierra Leone

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X				X	O	X					
8 ⁽¹⁾	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11													

(1) Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

SM — San Marino

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X					X	X	X	X		X		X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10													
11													
— national identity card	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	
— identity card for State officials	X								X				
— children under 15 years of age; photo and confirmation that they are nationals of San Marino	X								X				

SN — Senegal

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X			X	X	X	X	X			X	
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11													

⁽¹⁾ In booklet and loose-leaf form.

SO — Somalia

	A (¹)	B/ NL/ L (¹)	D (¹)	DK (¹)	E (¹)	EL	F (¹)	FIN	I (¹)	IS	NO	P (¹)	S
1	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X		X			X	O
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X		X			X	O
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X		X			X	O
4													
5													
6													
7		X				X	O						
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X
9													
10													
11													

⁽¹⁾ This no longer covers passports or documents replacing passports, issued or extended by a Somali diplomatic or consular authority or post after 31.1.1991.

SV — El Salvador

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X (1)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8 (2)	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11													

(1) Except for a white service passport. This is not deemed sufficient for crossing the border and staying in the territory of the Federal Republic.

(2) Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

SY — Syria

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4	X	X	X		X	X	X		X			X	
5													
6													
7		X					X	X					
8													
9													
10													
11 — document for Palestinian refugees					X		X (1)						

(1) Cannot be covered unless a permanent return permit is contained in the travel document.

SZ — Swaziland

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3													
4													
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11													

TD — Chad

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4			X				X						
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>travel permit</i> — <i>laissez-passer</i>				o o	o o		o o					o	

TG — Togo

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X				X	X	X					
8	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — travel permit — laissez-passer for aliens — safe conduct — identity certificate for the States of the West African Economic and Monetary Union			○ ○ ○		○ ○ ○		○ ○ ○ ○					○	

TH — Thailand

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5							○						
6													
7							X						
8													
9													
10 (1)			X (2)				○						
11 — free passport — certificate of identity (loose-leaf) — emergency certificate			X				X (3) X (4) ○						

(1) Travel document for aliens (yellow cover).

(2) The travel document for aliens is recognised provided it is valid for the Federal Republic of Germany and that it contains a return visa.

(3) Issued to officials, Buddhist priests, sportspersons ... dealt with in the same way as an ordinary passport.

(4) Recognised for exit or transit for return to Thailand.

TJ — Tajikistan

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3			X			X	X						X
4													
5													
6													
7					X	X		X				X	
8	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11													

TM — Turkmenistan

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1 ⁽¹⁾	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7			X				O						
8	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11													

(1) Passports from the former USSR are valid until 31.12.2001.

TN — Tunisia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X				X		X		X	X		
4	X	X	X		X	X	X		X			X	
5			X										
6													
7		X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11 — <i>laissez-passer</i> (for exit from Tunisia)			O				O						

TO — Tonga

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X				X	O						
8													
9													
10							O						
11 — <i>Tongan protected person</i> <i>passport</i> — <i>national Tongan passport</i> <i>(different from the ordin-</i> <i>ary passport)</i> — <i>certificate of identity</i>		O	O				O		O			O	

TR — Turkey

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	X	X	X	X		X	X		X		X	X	X
5		X			X	X	X ⁽¹⁾		X	X		X	
6													
7		X	O			O	X						
8	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10	X						O						
11 — <i>travel document valid only for returning to Turkey</i>	X						X ⁽²⁾						

(1) Issued in accordance with the European Convention of 16 December 1961 (group passport and group passport for young persons).

(2) Recognised for exit or transit for return to Turkey.

TT — Trinidad and Tobago

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4												X	
5													
6													
7		X				X	X	X					
8													
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11 — <i>certificate of identity — passport for Members of Parliament</i>		X	X				O X					X	

TV — Tuvalu

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3													
4													
5													
6													
7			X										
8 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>certificate of identity</i>							O						

⁽¹⁾ Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

TW — Taiwan

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P ⁽¹⁾	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X
2	X		X	O		O	O	O ⁽²⁾	X		X	O	X
3	X		X	O		O	O	O ⁽²⁾	X		X	O	
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10													
11													

⁽¹⁾ Portugal can agree to its partners affixing visas in the passports. Portugal affixes visas on a separate sheet of paper.

⁽²⁾ Accepted as a normal passport.

TZ — Tanzania

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7					X	X	X	X	X			X	
8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>certificate of identity</i>							O						

UA — Ukraine

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6 ⁽¹⁾			X				X	X	X				
7		X	X ⁽²⁾		X	X	X	X	X				
8													
9													
10 ⁽³⁾							O						
11 — <i>certificate for returning to Ukraine of a citizen of Ukraine</i>							X ⁽⁴⁾						

⁽¹⁾ Travel document of a child (blue booklet).⁽²⁾ Provided that it is clear from the seaman's book that the person concerned is of Ukrainian nationality and that there is proof that the person is on the crew list.⁽³⁾ Stateless person's travel document.⁽⁴⁾ Recognised for exit or transit for return to Ukraine.

UG — Uganda

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X* ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11													

⁽¹⁾ This asterisk has the same meaning as the asterisk for Germany (see introduction).

US — United States

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X					X	X					
8			X										
9													
10 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	
11													

⁽¹⁾ Called 'Re-entry permit' or 'Permit to re-enter the United States'.

UY — Uruguay

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7		X			X	X	X	X	X			X	
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10 ⁽¹⁾		X ⁽²⁾	X ⁽²⁾			X ⁽²⁾	O					X ⁽²⁾	
11													

⁽¹⁾ *Titulo de identidad de viaje.*⁽²⁾ Recognised if the document contains a return permit.**UZ — Uzbekistan**

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X							X			X	X	
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10 ⁽¹⁾							O						
11 — <i>identity card for persons without citizenship</i>			X				O						

⁽¹⁾ Identity card for foreigners resident in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

VA — Vatican City

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6													
7													
8 (1)	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9 (1)	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11													

(1) Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

VC — Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6													
7		X				X	O	X					
8	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>emergency passport</i>							X (1)						

(1) Recognised for exit or transit to return to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

VE — Venezuela

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4					X							X	
5													
6													
7		X				X	O	X					
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>one-year provisional passport (loose-leaf)</i> — <i>emergency passport</i>	X	O	X ⁽¹⁾		X	X	O	X	X	O		X	

⁽¹⁾ The holders are subject to the visa requirement.

VN — Vietnam

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7 ⁽¹⁾		X				X	O	X					
8													
9													
10													
11 — <i>laissez-passer (loose-leaf)</i>							X ⁽²⁾						

⁽¹⁾ Seaman's passport (for officers) and seaman's book (for fishermen).

⁽²⁾ Recognised for exit or transit to return to Vietnam.

VU — Vanuatu

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10													
11													

WS — Western Samoa

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4													
5													
6													
7													
8 ⁽¹⁾	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — <i>certificate of identity</i>							O						

⁽¹⁾ Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

YM — Yemen

	A	B/ NL/ L	D (¹)	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
4		X					X					X	
5													
6													
7 (²)							X						
8 (²)	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11													

(¹) All passports and documents replacing passports issued by the former Arab Republic of Yemen and the former Democratic People's Republic of Yemen are not recognised.

(²) Document not issued on 7.5.1998.

YU — Yugoslavia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5			○				○		X				
6			X				○					○	
7						X	X	X	X			X	
8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10 (¹)			○				○						
11 — Danube boatman's card — emergency travel document (<i>laissez-passer</i>)	X						○ X (²)	X				○	

(¹) *Putni List Za Strance* (*laissez-passer* for aliens).

(²) Recognised for exit and transit for return to Yugoslavia.

ZA — South Africa

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6			X									X	
7		X						X					
8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10 ⁽¹⁾			X ⁽²⁾				○					X	
11 — temporary passport — emergency passport		X ⁽⁵⁾			X ⁽³⁾	X ⁽³⁾	X ⁽⁴⁾ X ⁽³⁾	X				X ⁽⁵⁾	X

⁽¹⁾ Document for travel purposes.

⁽²⁾ If the document contains a guarantee of return (re-entry permit) valid for at least one year.

⁽³⁾ Recognised for exit or transit to return to South Africa.

⁽⁴⁾ Only recognised for nationals of South Africa.

⁽⁵⁾ Recognised solely for nationals of South Africa and can only be stamped in the 8 weeks following the date on which it was issued.

ZM — Zambia

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X			X			X		X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7							X	X					
8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
10													
11 — (local) travel document of identity — temporary travel document		○ ○			○ ○		○						

ZW — Zimbabwe

	A	B/ NL/ L	D	DK	E	EL	F	FIN	I	IS	NO	P	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4													
5													
6													
7													
8	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9													
10													
11 — emergency travel docu- ment — temporary passport — passport for business trips		○ ○	X		○ ○		○	X					

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 28 April 1999
on the compilation of a manual of documents to which a
visa may be affixed
(SCH/Com-ex (99) 14)**

At its meeting in Berlin on 16 December 1998, the Executive Committee decided to compile a manual of documents to which a visa may be affixed (SCH/Com-ex (98) 56).

The manual will comprise the following sections:

Part I — Travel documents to which a visa may be affixed

Part II — Aliens' passports issued by the Schengen States to which a visa may be affixed

Part III — A list of the travel documents issued by international organisations

Part IV — Gradual compilation of a documentary record containing copies of originals

Part V — Information on known fictitious passports

The Executive Committee takes note of the fact that, in addition to Part I — 'Travel documents to which a visa may be affixed' — which was forwarded to it on 16 December 1998, Parts II, III and V are now also available (see annex ⁽¹⁾).

This means that the essential components of the manual of documents to which a visa may be affixed are available. The gradual compilation of a documentary record containing copies of originals is being undertaken at European Union level. The manual on authentic documents issued by Interpol can also be used.

⁽¹⁾ See annex to document SCH/Com-ex (98) 56.

The revised version of Part I as well as Parts II, III and V will be distributed to diplomatic missions and consular posts abroad. They can also be sent to the border authorities and to other bodies dealing with questions relating to the law on aliens.

The existing sections of the manual of documents to which a visa may be affixed should be revised when necessary, for instance every three months, starting on 1 July 1999.

Luxembourg, 28 April 1999

The Chairman
C. H. SCHAPPER

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 16 December 1998
on the introduction of a harmonised form providing proof of
invitation, sponsorship and accommodation
(SCH/Com-ex (98) 57)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Article 9 of the abovementioned convention,

Whereas it is in the interest of all the Schengen States to apply uniform rules to the issue of visas in the context of their common policy on the movement of persons, with a view to preventing possible negative consequences as regards entry into Schengen territory and internal security,

Wishing to build on hitherto positive experiences of the common consular instructions and to harmonise further the visa-issue procedure,

Guided by the principle of solidarity between the Schengen Partners,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Point 1.4, Chapter V of the common consular instructions on visas — ‘Verification of other documents depending on the application’ lays down the use of a harmonised form providing proof of accommodation.

The form attached hereto allows for a high degree of flexibility and for use of the form adapted to the legal situation of each Contracting Party, since the Schengen States currently use very differing forms, for different types of obligation.

These differences have the effect in particular of increasing the risk of misuse and for that reason, the Schengen States are introducing a document incorporating features aimed at preventing counterfeiting and falsification.

Consequently, the standard document is uniform in terms of its:

- layout and structure and;
- security features.

The standard form shall be introduced in 1999 in the States implementing the Schengen Convention in which national law makes provision for this kind of proof.

1. The following sentence shall be added to point 1.4, Chapter V of the common consular instructions
‘Where the national laws of the Schengen States require proof of invitations from private individuals or for business trips, sponsorship declarations or proof of accommodation, a harmonised form shall be used ⁽¹⁾.’
2. The Schengen Contracting Parties shall complete the harmonised form in accordance with their national laws.
3. The harmonised form to be used by the Schengen Contracting Parties for sponsorship declarations, invitations or proof of accommodation shall be drawn up at a central level, in accordance with the specifications laid down in Annex A (technical description of security features) and in Annexes A1 and A2 (specimen). The obligatory standard elements of the harmonised form are given in Annex B.
4. Specimens of the documents issued by the Contracting Parties shall be added to the common consular instructions in the form of Annex 15.
5. France shall supply the films required for the production of the forms to the other Schengen States. The Contracting Parties shall bear the costs jointly.
6. The security features of the document shall be scrutinised at regular intervals (every two years, if possible) regardless of any general amendments which may prove necessary if the form is falsified by forgers or counterfeiters or if protective measures relating to security features have been revealed.
7. The document shall be produced in at least three languages.
8. This decision shall enter into force when the Schengen States have sent notification that they have implemented the requisite measures.

Berlin, 16 December 1998

The Chairman
C. H. SCHAPPER

⁽¹⁾ Austria, Belgium Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and Sweden apply these principles.

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ANNEX A
TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FORM

Annex A1

Bundesrepublik Deutschland **Verpflichtungserklärung**
 Déclaration de prise en charge
 Formal obligation

D 00000000

Bundesdruckerei
 Artikel-Nr. 10150

Ich, der/die Unterzeichnende Je, soussigné(e) I, the undersigned

Name / Nom / Surname



Vorname(n) / Prénom(s) / First name

Geburtstag und -ort / Né(e) le/à / Date and place of birth

Staatsangehörigkeit / Nationalité / Nationality

Identitätsdokument ⁽¹⁾ / Aufenthaltstitel ⁽²⁾ / Document d'identité ⁽¹⁾ / Titre de séjour ⁽²⁾
 Identity card ⁽¹⁾ / Residence title ⁽²⁾

wohnhalt in / Adresse / Address

Beruf / Profession / Profession

Zuständige Behörde
 Autorité compétente
 Competent authority

verpflichte mich gegenüber der
 Ausländerbehörde/Auslands-
 vertretung, für

m'engage auprès du service des
 étrangers/de la représentation
 diplomatique à héberger

take full responsibility towards the
 aliens authority/diplomatic
 representation
 for accommodating

Name / Nom / Surname

Vorname(n) / Prénom(s) / First name

Geburtstag und -ort / Né(e) le/à / Date and place of birth

Staatsangehörigkeit / Nationalité / Nationality

Reisepaß Nr. / Passeport n° / Passport No.

wohnhalt in / Adresse / Address

Verwandtschaftsbeziehung mit dem Antragsteller / Lien de parenté avec le demandeur /
 Family relationship to applicant

⁽¹⁾
 Art / type / type
 Nummer / numéro / number

und folgende sie/ihn begleitende Personen, nur Ehegatten ⁽²⁾ / accompagné(e) de son conjoint ⁽²⁾ /
 accompanied by his or her spouse ⁽²⁾

⁽²⁾
 Nur bei seulement applicable
 Ausländern, pour les to foreigners
 Art des étrangers only,
 Titels type de titre type of title

und Kinder ⁽³⁾ / accompagné(e) de ses enfants ⁽³⁾ / accompanied by children ⁽³⁾

⁽³⁾
 Name / nom / surname
 Vorname / prénom / first name
 Geburtstag / date de naissance / date of
 birth
 Geschlecht / sexe / sex

vom ... an bis zum ... / du ... au ... / from ... to ...

nach § 84 des
 Ausländergesetzes die Kosten
 für den Lebensunterhalt und
 nach §§ 82 und 83 des
 Ausländergesetzes die Kosten
 für die Ausreise o. g.
 Ausländers/in zu tragen.

et à prendre en charge le coût de
 la vie conformément au § 84 de la
 loi sur les étrangers et les frais de
 retour de l'étranger ci-dessus
 conformément aux §§ 82 et 83 de
 la loi sur les étrangers.

and for bearing the living costs
 according to § 84 of the Aliens Act
 and the departure costs of the
 above foreigner according to §§ 82
 and 83 of the Aliens Act.

Die Verpflichtung umfaßt die Erstattung sämtlicher öffentlicher Mittel, die für den Lebensunterhalt einschließlich der Versorgung mit Wohnraum und der Versorgung im Krankheitsfall und bei Pflegebedürftigkeit aufgewendet werden (z. B. Arztbesuch, Medikamente, Krankenhausaufenthalt). Dies gilt auch, soweit die Aufwendungen auf einem gesetzlichen Anspruch beruhen, im Gegensatz zu Aufwendungen, die auf einer Beitragsleistung beruhen.

Die vorliegende Verpflichtung umfaßt auch die Ausreisekosten (z. B. Flugticket) o. g. Ausländers/in nach §§ 82 und 83 des Ausländergesetzes.

Ich wurde von der Ausländerbehörde hingewiesen auf

- den Umfang und die Dauer der Haftung;
- die Möglichkeit von Versicherungsschutz;
- die zwangweise Beitreibung der aufgewendeten Kosten im Wege der Vollstreckung, soweit ich meiner Verpflichtung nicht nachkomme, sowie
- die Strafbarkeit z. B. bei vorsätzlichen, unrichtigen oder unvollständigen Angaben (§ 92 des Ausländergesetzes – Freiheitsstrafe bis zu drei Jahren oder Geldstrafe).

Ich bestätige, zu der Verpflichtung aufgrund meiner wirtschaftlichen Verhältnisse in der Lage zu sein.

Behörden- vermerke	Réservé à l'administration	Official remarks	Anschrift der Wohnung, in der die Unterschrift sichergestellt wird, falls abweichend vom gewöhnlichen Wohnsitz des Unterkunftgebers / Adresse du logement dans lequel l'hébergement sera assuré, au cas où il serait différent du logement habituel de l'hébergeant / Address of the lodging where accommodation will be provided, if different from the undersigned's normal address
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Ich bin / j'en suis / I am

☐

Mieter
locataire
tenant

☐

Eigentümer
propriétaire
owner

Arbeitgeber / Employeur / Employer

Sonstige Angaben zu Wohn-, Einkommens- und Vermögensverhältnissen (Größe der Wohnung, Höhe des Einkommens) /
 Renseignements complémentaires concernant le logement, les revenus et la situation financière /
 Other details of housing conditions, income and financial situation

Gebühren

Der/die Verpflichtungserklärende

Ich versichere, die vorstehenden Angaben nach bestem Wissen und Gewissen richtig und vollständig gemacht zu haben und gehe eine entsprechende Verpflichtung ein.

Ort _____ Datum _____

Unterschrift

Bemerkungen

Beglaubigungsvermerk der Ausländerbehörde/Auslandsvertretung

Die Unterschrift der/des Verpflichtungserklärenden ist vor mir vollzogen worden. Die Beglaubigung der Unterschrift dient nur zur Vorlage bei der deutschen Auslandsvertretung.

Behörde:

Im Auftrag

Ort _____ Datum _____

(Siegel)

Stellungnahme der Ausländerbehörde / Auslandsvertretung

Die finanzielle Leistungsfähigkeit des/der Verpflichtungserklärenden wurde nachgewiesen / glaubhaft gemacht.

Behörde:

Im Auftrag

Ort _____ Datum _____

(Siegel)

Annex A2

République Française Attestation d'accueil
Nachweis der Unterkunft
Proof of accommodation

F _____

cerfa

n° 10798*01

Document souscrit en application
du décret n° 82-442 du 27 mai
1982
modifié pris pour l'application de
l'article 5 de l'ordonnance n° 45-
2658 du 2 novembre 1945
modifiée relative aux conditions
d'entrée et de séjour des
étrangers en France

Je, soussigné(e) Ich, der/die Unterzeichnende I, the undersigned

nom / Name / name

►

prénom(s) / Vorname(n) / first name

né(e) le/à / Geburtstag und -ort / date and place of birth

nationalité / Staatsangehörigkeit / nationality

document d'identité ⁽¹⁾ ou titre de séjour ⁽¹⁾ / Identitätsdokument ⁽¹⁾ oder Aufenthaltstitel ⁽¹⁾ /
identity ⁽¹⁾ or residence document ⁽¹⁾

adresse complète / wohnhaft in / full address

Département, commune
Zuständige Verwaltung
Competent authority

**atteste pouvoir
accueillir:**

**bescheinige, folgende
Person(en) unterbringen
zu können:**

**declare being able to
accommodate:**

nom / Name / name

prénom(s) / Vorname(n) / first name

né(e) le/à / geboren am/in / born on/at

nationalité / Staatsangehörigkeit / nationality

passeport n° / Reisepaß-Nr. / passport No.

adresse / wohnhaft in / address

accompagné(e) de son conjoint ⁽²⁾ / und folgende sie/ihn begleitende Personen, nur Ehegatten ⁽²⁾ /
accompanied by spouse ⁽²⁾

accompagné(e) de ses enfants ⁽²⁾ / und Kinder ⁽²⁾ / accompanied by children ⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾
type / Art / type
numéro / Nummer / number

⁽²⁾
nom / Name / name
prénom / Vorname / first name
date de naissance / Geburtstag / date of
birth
sexe / Geschlecht / sex

pendant (... jours) entre le ... et le ... / für (... Tage) zwischen dem ... und dem ... / for (... days) from ... to ...

LA LOI N° 78-17 DU 6 JANVIER 1978 RELATIVE A L'INFORMATIQUE, AUX FICHIERS ET AUX LIBERTES s'applique aux réponses faites sur ce formulaire et garantit un droit d'accès et de rectification pour les données vous concernant auprès de la préfecture.

ARTICLE 21 DE L'ORDONNANCE DU 2 NOVEMBRE 1945 MODIFIEE: toute personne française ou étrangère résidant en France ou sur le territoire d'un autre Etat partie à la Convention de Schengen qui aura, par aide directe ou indirecte, facilité ou tenté de faciliter l'entrée, la circulation ou le séjour irrégulier d'un étranger en France ou sur le territoire d'un autre Etat partie de la Convention de Schengen sera punie d'un emprisonnement de 5 ans et d'une amende de 200 000 F.

ARTICLE 441-5 DU CODE PENAL: le fait de procurer frauduleusement à autrui un document délivré par une administration publique aux fins de constater un droit, une identité ou d'accorder une autorisation est puni de 5 ans d'emprisonnement et de 500 000 F d'amende. Ces peines peuvent être portées à 7 ans d'emprisonnement et à 700 000 F d'amende dans les cas évoqués au 2^{ème} alinéa du même article.

ARTICLE 441-6 DU CODE PENAL: le fait de se faire délivrer indûment, notamment en fournissant une déclaration mensongère, par une administration publique un document destiné à constater un droit, une identité ou une qualité ou à accorder une autorisation est puni de 2 ans d'emprisonnement et de 200 000 F d'amende.

1°/Cas où l'accueil est assuré au domicile principal de l'hébergeant:

réservé à l'administration

adresse: se reporter à celle mentionnée au recto

justificatifs du domicile principal de l'hébergeant:

2°/Cas où l'accueil est assuré au domicile secondaire de l'hébergeant:

réservé à l'administration

adresse complète:

justificatifs du domicile secondaire de l'hébergeant:

L'hébergeant

L'autorité publique compétente:

J'atteste sur l'honneur l'exactitude des renseignements portés ci-dessus.
LU ET APPROUVE,

Date:

date et signature

signature et cachet

L'autorité consulaire

Les services de contrôle à l'entrée sur le territoire

date et cachet

date et cachet

Annex B

Für die Sprachfassung gilt folgendes:

Die Sprache des Ausstellerstaates plus zwei weitere.

Pour la version linguistique:

La langue de l'Etat de délivrance plus deux autres langues.

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The following applies to the languages:

The language of the issuing State plus two others.

Name / Nom / Surname

Vorname(n) / Prénom(s) / First name

Geburtsdag und -ort / Né(e) le/à / Date and place of birth

Staatsangehörigkeit / Nationalité / Nationality

Identitätsdokument⁽¹⁾/Aufenthaltstitel⁽¹⁾ / Document d'identité⁽¹⁾/Titre de séjour⁽¹⁾ / Identity card⁽¹⁾/Résidence title⁽¹⁾

wohnhaft in / Adresse / Address

Beruf / Profession / Profession *

Name / Nom / Surname

Vorname(n) / Prénom(s) / First name

Geburtsdag und -ort / Né(e) le/à / Date and place of birth

Staatsangehörigkeit / Nationalité / Nationality _____

Reisepaß Nr. / Passeport n° / Passport No. _____

wohnhaft in / Adresse / Address _____

Verwandtschaftsbeziehung mit dem Antragsteller / Lien de parenté avec le demandeur / Family relationship to applicant * _____

und folgende sie/ihn begleitende Personen, nur Ehegatten ⁽²⁾ / accompagné(e) de son conjoint ⁽²⁾ / accompanied by his or her spouse ⁽²⁾ _____

und Kinder ⁽²⁾ / accompagné(e) de ses enfants ⁽²⁾ / accompanied by children ⁽²⁾ _____

vom ... an bis zum ... / du ... au ... / from ... to ...** _____

(1)

Art / type / type

Nummer / numéro / number

(2)

Name / nom / surname

Vorname / prénom / first name

Geburtsdag / date de naissance / date of birth

Geschlecht / sexe / sex

* fakultativ / facultatif / optional

** oder eine analoge Formulierung / ou une formulation analogue / or a similar wording

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 16 December 1998
on coordinated deployment of document advisers
(SCH/Com-ex (98) 59 rev.)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard to Articles 12 and 26 of the above convention,

Taking account of its declaration of 16 September 1998 (document SCH/Com-ex (98) decl 3),

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The plan for the coordinated deployment of document advisers for air and maritime traffic and at consular representations (document SCH/I-Front (98) 171 rev 4) is hereby approved.
2. The list of locations currently considered suitable in principle for document adviser assignments and the designation of present key locations and regions (document SCH/I-Front (98) 184 rev 3) is hereby noted.

Berlin, 16 December 1998

The Chairman
C. H. SCHAPPER

PRINCIPLES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

SCH/I-Front (98) 171 rev 4

At its meeting on 16 September 1998, the Executive Committee underlined the special importance of document advice in combating illegal immigration into the Schengen area (SCH/Com-ex (98) decl 3).

The Executive Committee also issued a mandate to make practical arrangements, which are set out below.

The coordinated deployment of document advisers for air and maritime traffic consular representations shall proceed according to the following guidelines

1. Arrangements for creating joint document adviser teams

(a) The Schengen States shall, where necessary, hold information seminars, the composition and duration of which shall vary according to the requirements of the individual case, on the following themes:

- the detection of counterfeit and falsified documents;
- *modi operandi*;
- procurement of equipment for the detection of false and counterfeit documents;
- legal regulations and rules on controls.

These advisory activities shall be provided:

- for airlines or maritime shipping companies;
- to assist the consular representations of one or more Schengen States in third countries;
- to assist border authorities or immigration authorities at airports and seaports of departure in third countries.

The document advisers shall also assist transport companies and the personnel responsible for controls in conducting pre-boarding checks at airports and ports of exit.

The Schengen States shall aim to second advisers for a period of two to three weeks. Individual States reserve the right to take unilateral follow-up measures.

- (b) The Schengen States shall designate central contact points via which the need for advice and the capacity to provide support shall be communicated and all organisational aspects arranged and information relating to document advice conveyed. The central contact point of the Schengen State which has proposed the assignment shall be responsible for operational coordination (preparation, implementation and follow-up with regard to specific secondment activities). Both the Presidency and the leading contact point shall take account of parallel activities conducted in the framework of the EU.
- (c) The central contact points shall work directly together on a basis of trust.
- (d) The central contact points shall regularly determine the need for training material, which it shall supplement where appropriate on the basis of practical experience, and shall inform each other immediately of new *modi operandi*.
- (e) The Presidency in office shall consult the delegations in due time about the need to claim EU funding (Odysseus) and — as concerns practical arrangements for the training courses, support and the production of training materials — shall submit an application for financial assistance from the Odysseus programme to the European Commission via the EU Presidency. The first of these applications together with a definition of the project to be conducted (participating States, coordination of groups, place, financial contribution) shall be submitted at the latest by 31 March 1999 (deadline for submission).

2. Choice of locations suitable for document adviser assignments

The choice of locations with consular representations and (or) transport company offices abroad that are suitable for document adviser assignments given the current situation as it applies in each case shall be made by the subgroup on frontiers in a separate note.

Even if not explicitly mentioned in the above list, the staff of the domestic airline and shipping company transporting people into the Schengen area should also be offered training depending on the capacity available.

Furthermore, if there is sufficient capacity, document advice may also be offered to transport companies which do not directly serve destinations in the Schengen area but operate feeder trips to departure points for connecting air and sea links to the Schengen area.

In all events, once the individual advice projects have been defined, contact should be made immediately with the consular representations and transport companies. In principle, all consular representations of the Schengen States will be informed of the planned secondment of document advisers to the representations at local level.

3. Designation of key places and regions

The deployment of document advisers will be based on a current assessment of the situation. The subgroup on frontiers will determine the key places and regions in a separate note.

4. Document adviser profile

Staff working as document advisers must be professionally and personally suitable. They should have at least five years' experience in an executive capacity.

Document advisers should have sufficient knowledge of the main language used in connection with air and sea traffic at the place where they are deployed and should certainly have a good command of English airline and document terminology (IATA training material). Officials working as document advisers must also have the necessary pedagogical and didactic skills for this activity.

5. Reporting arrangements and plans for further developments

After the mission, the document advisers shall draft a written report on the course of the assignment and the weak points detected, on the *modus operandi* and the counter-measures already taken. The report shall be forwarded to the leading State and on to the Schengen Secretariat for distribution to all delegations in the subgroup on frontiers.

The Presidency in office shall draw up a summary report to be submitted to Working Group I on Police and Security every half calendar year concerning the activities conducted during that six-month period, including an analysis.

The Presidency shall also devise proposals for further procedures, including the planning of further advisory measures and technical or tactical improvements and submit them for approval to the subgroup on frontiers.

Coordinated deployment of document advisers for air and maritime traffic and at consular representations

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**Choice of locations
currently considered suitable in principle for document adviser assignments and
designation of current target locations and regions**

I. Choice of locations currently considered suitable for document adviser assignments

On the basis of an evaluation of the current situation, consular representations and/or overseas offices of airlines and shipping companies at the following locations are considered suitable in principle for document adviser assignments (the list will be updated where the need arises):

- **Abidjan** (Côte d'Ivoire)
Airlines
Representations: France, Portugal
- **Abu Dhabi** (United Arab Emirates)
Important transit airport for flights to Europe, so advice and training should be of particular benefit to the airlines
- **Accra** (Ghana)
Airlines
- **Ankara** (Turkey)
Airlines
- **Bamako** (Mali)
Airlines
Representations: France
- **Bangkok** (Thailand)
Airlines
- **Beijing** (China)
Airlines
Representations: France, Spain
- **Bissau** (Guinea-Bissau)
Airlines
Representations: Portugal

- **Brazzaville** (Congo)
Airlines
Representations: France
- **Casablanca** (Morocco)
Airlines
Representations: Spain
- **Colombo** (Sri Lanka)
Airlines Representations: France
- **Dakar** (Senegal)
Airlines
Representations: France, Portugal, Spain
- **Dhaka** (Bangladesh)
Airlines
Representations: France
- **Douala** (Cameroon)
Airlines
Representations: France
- **Dubai** (United Arab Emirates)
Important transit airport for flights to Europe, which means that advice and training should be of particular benefit to airlines.
- **Haiti**
Airlines
Representations: France
- **Ho Chi Minh City** (Vietnam)
Airlines
Representations: France
- **Hong Kong**
Airlines
Representations: France
- **Islamabad** (Pakistan)
Airlines
Representations: Spain
- **Istanbul** (Turkey)
Airlines
Representations: Spain

- **Karachi** (Pakistan)
Airlines
Representations: Germany (intensive advice and training desirable)
- **Kiev** (Ukraine)
Representations: Portugal
- **Kuwait**
Airlines
- **Lagos** (Nigeria)
Airlines
Representations: Germany, France, Spain
- **Lima** (Peru)
Airlines
Representations: Spain
- **Luanda** (Angola)
Airlines
Representations: Portugal
- **Macao**
Airlines
Representations: Portugal
- **Malabo** (Equatorial Guinea)
Airlines
Representations: Spain
- **Maputo** (Mozambique)
Airlines
Representations: Portugal
- **Moscow** (Russia)
Airlines
- **Nador** (Morocco)
Representations: Spain
- **Nairobi** (Kenya)
Airlines
Representations: Germany, France
- **Praia** (Cape Verde)
Airlines
Representations: Portugal

- **Rabat** (Morocco)
Airlines
Representations: Spain
- **Rio de Janeiro** (Brazil)
Airlines
Representations: Portugal
- **São Tomé** (São Tomé and Príncipe)
Airlines
Representations: Portugal
- **Sal** (Cape Verde)
Airlines
Representations: Portugal
- **San'a** (Yemen)
Airlines
- **Santo Domingo** (Dominican Republic)
Airlines
Representations: Spain
- **Shanghai** (China)
Airlines
Representations: France
- **Skopje** (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
Airlines
- **Tangiers** (Morocco)
Airlines
Shipping companies
Representations: Spain
- **Tetuan** (Morocco)
Representations: Spain
- **Tirana** (Albania)
Airlines
- **Tunis** (Tunisia)
Airlines
- **Yaoundé** (Cameroon)
Airlines
Representations: France

II. Designation of current key places and regions

Of the locations selected in Section I above, the deployment of document advisers, which will be based on a current assessment of the situation, is seen as a particular priority at the following locations. This list is not final. The list will be updated as needed.

- Abidjan
- Abu Dhabi
- Accra
- Bamako
- Brazzaville
- Casablanca
- Dakar
- Dubai
- Istanbul
- Lagos
- Moscow
- Tirana
- Tunis

Coordinated deployment of document advisers at the above locations immediately should be the aim.

In addition, document advisers should be seconded to the following locations (in the order set out below) as soon as possible:

- Bangkok
- Ankara
- Karachi
- Nairobi
- San'a
- Skopje

**DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of 28 April 1999
on the definitive versions of the common manual and
the common consular instructions
(SCH/Com-ex (99) 13)**

The Executive Committee,

Having regard to Article 132 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement,

Having regard also, on one hand, to Articles 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 25 of the abovementioned convention, and to Articles 9 and 17 thereof, on the other hand,

Whereas it is in the interest of all the Schengen States to apply uniform rules to the issue of visas in the context of their common policy on the movement of persons, with a view to preventing possible negative consequences as regards entry into Schengen territory and internal security,

Moved by the desire to build on hitherto positive experiences with the common consular instructions and to harmonise further the visa-issue procedure,

Guided by the principle of solidarity between the Schengen States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

- I. 1. The revised version of the common consular instructions (Appendix 1 ⁽¹⁾) and the annexes thereto, and
2. The revised version of the common manual (Appendix 2 ⁽²⁾) and the annexes thereto

are hereby adopted.

The following amendments have been taken into account in drawing up these versions: the amendments to Annexes 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 12 and 15 to the common consular instructions and the corresponding Annexes 5, 5 A, 14 B, 10, 6 B, 6 C and 14 A to the common manual.

⁽¹⁾ Annexes 5, 9 and 10 are confidential. See SCH/Com-ex (98) 17.

⁽²⁾ Confidential document. See SCH/Com-ex (98) 17.

- II. The documents relating to previous versions of the common consular instructions, common manual and the annexes thereto and listed in Appendix 3 shall be repealed once the revised versions are adopted.
- III. The document relating to representation in connection with the issue of visas is attached for the purposes of information in Appendix 4 ⁽¹⁾.
- IV. This decision shall enter into force on the day on which it is adopted.

Luxembourg, 28 April 1999

The Chairman
C. H. SCHAPPER

⁽¹⁾ Document SCH/II (95) 16, rev 19: not published.

Appendix 1

COMMON CONSULAR INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND CONSULAR POSTS

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COMMON INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND CONSULAR POSTS OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE SCHENGEN CONVENTION

SUBJECT: Conditions governing the issue of uniform visas, valid for the territory of all the Contracting Parties.

I. General provisions

1. Scope

The following common provisions which are based on the provisions of Chapter 3 (Sections 1 and 2) of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement of 14 June 1985 between the Governments of the States of the Benelux Economic Union, the Federal Republic of Germany and the French Republic on the gradual abolition of checks at their common borders (hereinafter referred to as 'the convention') signed in Schengen on 19 June 1990, and which Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece and Austria have since acceded to, apply to the examination of visa applications for a visit not exceeding three months, including transit visas, valid for the territory of all the Contracting Parties ⁽¹⁾.

Visas for visits exceeding three months shall be national visas, and shall only entitle the holder to reside in that national territory. Nevertheless, such visas shall enable their holders to transit through the territories of the other Contracting Parties in order to reach the territory of the Contracting Party which issued the visa, unless they fail to fulfil the entry conditions referred to in Article 5(1)(a), (d) and (e) or they are on the national list of alerts of the Contracting Party through whose territory they seek to transit.

2. Definition and types of visa

2.1. Uniform visas

These are the authorisation or decision granted in the form of a sticker affixed by a Contracting Party to a passport, travel document or other document which entitles the holder to cross the border. It enables aliens, subject to the visa requirement, to present themselves at the external border of the Contracting Party which issued the visa or that of another Contracting Party and request, depending on the type of visa, transit or residence, provided that the other transit or entry conditions have been met. Mere possession of a uniform visa does not entitle automatic right of entry.

⁽¹⁾ Pursuant to Article 138 of the convention, these provisions shall only apply to the European territory of the French Republic and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

2.1.1. Airport transit visas

This visa entitles aliens who are required to have such a visa, to pass through the international transit area of airports, without actually entering the national territory of the country concerned, during a stop-over or transfer between two sections of an international flight. The requirement to have this visa is an exception to the general right to transit without a visa through the abovementioned international transit area.

Nationals from the countries listed in Annex 3 and persons who are not necessarily nationals of those countries but who possess travel documents issued by their authorities, are required to possess this type of visa.

Exemptions from the airport transit visa requirement are laid down in Section III of Annex 3.

2.1.2. Transit visas

This visa entitles aliens who are travelling from one third State to another third State to pass through the territories of the Contracting Parties.

This visa authorises its holder to pass through once, twice or exceptionally several times, provided that no transit shall exceed five days.

2.1.3. Short-stay or travel visas: multiple entry visas

This visa entitles aliens who seek to enter the territories of the Contracting Parties, for reasons other than to immigrate, to carry out a continuous visit or several visits whose duration does not exceed three months in any half-year from the date of first entry. As a general rule, this visa may be issued for one or several entries.

In the case of certain aliens who frequently need to travel to one or several Schengen States, for example on business, short-stay visas may be issued for several visits, provided that the total length of these visits does not exceed three months in any half-year. This multiple entry visa may be valid for one year, and in exceptional cases, for more than a year for certain categories of persons. (see V 2, 2.1)

2.1.4. Group visas

This is a transit visa or a visa limited to a maximum of 30 days, which may be affixed to a group passport — save where national law provides otherwise — issued to a group of

aliens formed prior to the decision to travel, provided that the members of the group enter the territory, stay there and leave the territory as a group.

Group visas may be issued to groups of between 5 and 50 people. The person in charge of the group shall possess an individual passport and, where necessary, an individual visa.

2.2. Long-stay visas

Visas for visits exceeding three months shall be national visas issued by one of the Contracting Parties in accordance with its national law.

Nevertheless, such visas shall act as uniform transit visas enabling their holders to travel to the territory of the Contracting Party which issued the visa, provided that the total length of transit does not exceed five days from the date of first entry, and provided that they fulfil the entry conditions and that they are not on the national list of alerts of the Contracting Party or Parties through whose territory they seek to transit (see Annex 4).

2.3. Visas with limited territorial validity

This visa is affixed in exceptional cases to a passport, travel document or other document which entitles the holder to cross the border, where the visit is authorised only in the national territory of one or more Contracting Parties, provided that both entry and exit are through the territory of this or these Contracting Parties (see V 3).

2.4. Visas issued at the border ⁽¹⁾

II. Diplomatic mission or consular post responsible

Aliens who are subject to the visa requirement (see Annex 1), and who seek to enter the territory of a Contracting Party, are obliged to apply to the visa section in the diplomatic mission or consular post responsible.

1. Determining the State responsible

1.1. State responsible for deciding on an application

The following are responsible for examining applications for short-term or transit uniform visas:

- (a) The Contracting Party in whose territory the sole or main destination of the visit is found. Under no circumstances shall a transit Contracting Party be considered as the country of main destination.

⁽¹⁾ In exceptional cases, short-stay or transit visas may be issued at the border, pursuant to the conditions defined in part II, point 5 of the common manual on external borders.

The diplomatic mission or consular post with whom the application is lodged shall decide, on a case-by-case basis, which is the Contracting Party of main destination, bearing in mind, in its assessment, all the facts and in particular the purpose behind the visit, the route and length of visit or visits. When looking at these facts, the mission or post shall mainly focus on the supporting documents submitted by the applicant.

It shall specifically focus on the main reason for or the purpose of the visit when one or more destinations are the direct result or complement of another destination.

It shall specifically focus on the longest visit when no destination is the direct result or complement of another destination; where the visits are of equal length, the first destination shall be the determining factor.

- (b) The Contracting Party of first entry, when the Contracting Party of main destination cannot be determined.

Contracting Party of first entry shall be the State whose external border the applicant crosses in order to enter the Schengen area after having had his/her documents checked.

When the Contracting Party of first entry does not require a visa, it is not obliged to issue a visa and — unless it issues the visa voluntarily, subject to the consent of the person concerned — the responsibility is transferred to the first Contracting Party of destination or of transit which requires a visa.

The examination of applications and the issue of visas with limited territorial validity (limited to the territory of one Contracting Party or to the territory of the Benelux States) shall be the responsibility of the Contracting Party or Parties concerned.

1.2. State representing the State responsible

- (a) If the State responsible has no diplomatic mission or consular post in a given State, the uniform visa may be issued by the mission or post of the Contracting Party which represents the interests of the State responsible. The visa is issued on behalf of the Contracting Party that is being represented, subject to its prior authorisation, and where necessary, consultation between the central authorities. If one of the Benelux States has a mission or post, it shall automatically represent the other Benelux States.
- (b) If the State responsible has a diplomatic mission or consular post in the capital city of a country, but not in the area where the application is lodged, and if one or more of the other Contracting Parties does have a mission or post, the visa may, in exceptional cases and only in countries which are geographically very large, be issued by another Contracting Party representing the State responsible, provided that there is a specific agreement on representation between the two Contracting Parties concerned and such action is in accordance with the terms of the said agreement.

- (c) In accordance with the provisions contained in (a) and (b), it shall in any event be for the visa applicant to decide whether to contact either the diplomatic mission or the consular post which is representing the State responsible or that of the State responsible.
- (d) The subgroup on visas shall draw up an overview of the agreed representation arrangements which it shall update regularly.
- (e) The procedure for issuing Schengen visas with reference to article 30(1)(a) of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement in third States in which not all Schengen States are represented shall be based on the following principles:

The rules on representation shall apply to the processing of applications for uniform airport transit visas, transit visas and short-stay visas issued pursuant to the Schengen Convention and in accordance with the common consular instructions. The representing State is obliged to apply the provisions of the common consular instructions with the same diligence and speed as it issues its own visas of the same category and with the same period of validity.

Except as expressly provided in bilateral agreements, the rules on representation shall not apply to visas issued for the purpose of paid employment or an activity which requires prior permission from the State in which it is to be carried out. The applicant must contact the accredited consular post of the State where the activity is to be performed.

The Schengen States shall not be obliged to ensure that they are represented for visa purposes in every third State. They may decide that in certain third States visa applications or applications for a particular kind of visa must be made at a permanent consular post or diplomatic mission of the State that is the main destination.

The diplomatic missions and consular posts shall have sole responsibility for assessing the risk of illegal immigration posed by a visa application.

The represented State shall assume responsibility for asylum applications made by holders of visas which the visa stamp expressly shows to have been issued by representing States on behalf of represented States.

In exceptional cases, bilateral agreements may stipulate that visa applications from certain categories of alien are either to be submitted by the representing State to the authorities of the represented State in which the main destination is located or forwarded to a permanent consular representation of that State. The categories in question must be laid down in writing (if necessary for each diplomatic mission or consular post). It shall be assumed that the visa has been issued on the authorisation of the represented State pursuant to Article 30(1)(a) of the Schengen Convention.

Bilateral agreements may be amended in the course of time on the basis of decisions made by individual States concerning asylum applications lodged within a set period of time by holders of visas issued in the framework of representation and other information relevant to the issue of visas. Agreement may also be reached on waiving the rules on representation in the case of certain diplomatic missions and consular posts.

Representation shall apply solely in the context of issuing visas. Aliens who are unable to apply for a visa because they cannot furnish sufficient proof that they fulfil the relevant conditions must be informed that they can apply for a visa at a permanent consular post or diplomatic mission of the Schengen State of main destination.

The rules on representation may be refined as a result of further developments in software enabling consular posts and diplomatic missions undertaking representation to consult the central authorities of the represented State without substantial additional effort.

The list containing rules on representation with regard to the issue of Schengen visa in third States in which not all Schengen States are represented is attached to this document. Amendments made to the list by common agreement between the Schengen States concerned shall be submitted to the Central Group for acknowledgement.

2. Visa applications requiring consultation with the national central authority or the authority of one or more other Contracting Parties, in accordance with Article 17(2)

2.1. Consultation with the national central authority

The diplomatic mission or consular post which examines the application, shall seek authorisation from its central authority, consult it or inform it of the decision it plans to take in a case, in accordance with the arrangements and deadlines laid down by national law and practice. Cases requiring national consultation are listed in Annex 5A.

2.2. Consultation with the central authority of one or more Contracting Parties

The diplomatic mission or the consular post with whom an application is lodged shall seek authorisation from its central authority, which, for its part, shall send the application on to the competent central authorities of one or more other Contracting Parties (see Part V, 2, 2.3). Until the final list of cases of mutual consultation has been approved by the Executive Committee, the list annexed to these common consular instructions shall apply (see Annex 5B).

2.3. Consultation procedure in the framework of representation

- (a) When visa applications are lodged by nationals of the countries listed in Annex 5C at an embassy or consular representation of a Schengen State, representing another Schengen State, the represented State shall be consulted.
- (b) The information exchanged in respect of these visa applications shall be the same as that currently exchanged in the framework of the consultation under Annex 5B. A compulsory heading shall, however, be provided on the form for the references to the territory of the represented State.
- (c) The current provisions of the common consular instructions shall apply to the time limits, their extension and the form of the reply.
- (d) The consultation provided for in Annex 5B shall be undertaken by the represented State.

3. Visa applications lodged by non-residents

When an application is lodged with a State which is not the applicant's State of residence and there is doubt over the person's intentions (in particular where a risk of illegal immigration has been observed), the visa shall only be issued after consultation with the diplomatic mission or consular post of the applicant's State of residence and/or its central authority.

4. Authorisation to issue uniform visas

Only the diplomatic mission or consular posts of the Contracting Parties shall be entitled to issue uniform visas, with the exception of the cases listed in Annex 6.

III. Initiation of the application procedure

1. Visa application forms – number of application forms

Aliens shall also be required to fill in the uniform visa form.

At least one copy of the application form must be filled in so that it may be used during consultation with the central authorities. The Contracting Parties may, insofar as national administrative procedures so require, request several copies of the application.

2. Documents to be enclosed

— Aliens shall enclose the following documents with the application:

- (a) a valid travel document on which a visa may be affixed (see Annex 11);
- (b) where necessary, documents supporting the purpose and the conditions of the planned visit.

If the information supplied is sufficient to enable the diplomatic mission or consular post to ascertain that the applicant is acting in good faith, the staff responsible for issuing the visas may exempt the applicant from submitting the abovementioned supporting documents.

3. Guarantees of means of return and means of subsistence

Aliens shall be able to offer the diplomatic mission or consular post with whom they lodge their application, a guarantee that they have adequate means for their subsistence and their return.

4. Personal interviews with applicants

As a general rule, the applicant shall be called on to appear in person in order to verbally justify the grounds for the application, especially where there are doubts over the actual purpose behind the visit or that person's return to the country of departure.

This requirement may be waived in cases where the applicant is well known or where the distance from the diplomatic mission or consular post is too great, provided that there is no doubt as to the good faith of the applicant and where in the case of large groups, a reputable and trustworthy body is able to vouch for the good faith of those persons concerned.

IV. Legal basis

Uniform visas may only be issued once the entry conditions laid down in Articles 15 and 5 of the convention have been met. These articles read as follows:

'Article 15

In principle, the visa referred to in Article 10 may be issued only if an alien fulfils the entry conditions laid down in Article 5(1)(a),(c),(d) and (e).

Article 5

1. For visits not exceeding three months, aliens fulfilling the following conditions may be granted entry into the territories of the Contracting Parties:

(a) the possession of a valid document or documents, as defined by the Executive Committee, authorising them to cross the border;

(b) the possession of a valid visa if required;

- (c) if applicable, the aliens shall produce documents substantiating the purpose and the conditions of the planned visit and shall have adequate means of support, both for the period of the planned visit and the return to their country of origin or transit to a third State, where their admission is guaranteed, or shall be in a position to acquire such means legally;*
- (d) the aliens shall not be persons for whom an alert has been issued for the purposes of refusing entry;*
- (e) the aliens shall not be considered to be a threat to public policy, national security or the international relations of any of the Contracting Parties.*

2. Entry into the territories of the Contracting Parties must be refused to any alien who does not fulfil all the above conditions unless a Contracting Party considers it necessary to derogate from that principle for humanitarian reasons, on grounds of national interest or because of international obligations. In such cases authorisation to enter will be restricted to the territory of the Contracting Party concerned, which must inform the other Contracting Parties accordingly.

These rules shall not preclude the application of special provisions concerning the right to asylum or the provisions laid down in Article 18.'

Visas with limited territorial validity may be issued subject to the conditions laid down in Articles 11(2), 14(1) and 16 in connection with Article 5(2) (see V, 3).

Article 11(2)

2. Paragraph 1 shall not preclude a Contracting Party from issuing a new visa, the validity of which is limited to its own territory, within the half-year in question if necessary.

Article 14(1)

1. No visa may be affixed to a travel document if the travel document is not valid for any of the Contracting Parties. If a travel document is only valid for one Contracting Party or for a number of Contracting Parties the visa to be affixed shall be limited to the Contracting Party or Parties in question.

Article 16

If a Contracting Party considers it necessary to derogate, on one of the grounds listed in Article 5(2) from the principle laid down in Article 15, by issuing a visa to an alien who does not fulfil all the entry conditions referred to in Article 5(1), the validity of this visa shall be restricted to the territory of that Contracting Party, which must inform the other Contracting Parties accordingly.

V. Examination of applications and decisions taken

The diplomatic mission or consular post shall first check the documents submitted (1) and shall then base its decision regarding the visa application on these documents (2):

Basic criteria for examining applications

The main issues to be borne in mind when examining visa applications are: the security of the Contracting Parties and the fight against illegal immigration as well as other aspects relating to international relations. Depending on the country concerned, one of these may take precedence over the other, but at no stage should any of them be forgotten about.

As far as security is concerned, it is advisable to check that the necessary controls have been carried out: a search of the files containing alerts (alerts for the purposes of refusing entry) in the Schengen information system, consultation with the central authorities of the countries subject to this procedure.

The diplomatic mission or consular post shall assume full responsibility in assessing whether there is an immigration risk. The purpose of examining applications is to detect those applicants who are seeking to immigrate to the territory of the Contracting Parties and set themselves up there, using grounds such as tourism, studies, business or family visits as a pretext. Therefore, it is necessary to be particularly vigilant when dealing with 'risk categories', in other words unemployed persons, and those with no regular income, etc. If there is any doubt over the authenticity of the papers and supporting documents submitted, the diplomatic mission or consular post shall refrain from issuing the visa.

On the contrary, checks shall be reduced where the applicant is known to be a bona fide person, this information having been exchanged through consular cooperation.

1. Examination of visa applications

1.1. Verification of the visa application

- The length of visit requested shall correspond with the purpose of the visit.
- The replies to the questions on the form shall be complete and coherent. The form shall include an identity photograph of the visa applicant and shall indicate, as far as possible, the main destination of the visit.

1.2. Verification of the applicant's identity and verification as to whether an alert has been issued on the applicant in the Schengen information system (SIS) for the purposes of refusing entry or verification as to whether they pose any other threat (to security) which would constitute grounds for refusal to issue the visa or whether, from an immigration point of view, the applicant poses a risk in that on a previous visit he/she overstayed the authorised length of visit.

1.3. Verification of the travel document

- Verification as to whether the document is in order or not: it should be complete and should be neither amended, falsified or counterfeited.
- Verification of the territorial validity of the travel document: it should be valid for entry into the territory of the Contracting Parties.
- Verification of the period of validity of the travel document: the period of validity of the travel document should exceed that of the visa by three months (Article 13(2) of the convention).
- Nevertheless, for urgent humanitarian reasons, on grounds of national interest or because of international obligations, it shall be possible, in exceptional cases, to affix visas to travel documents whose period of validity is less than that specified in the previous paragraph (three months), provided that the period of validity exceeds that of the visa and that the guarantee of return is not in jeopardy.
- Verification of the length of previous visits to the territory of the Contracting Parties.

1.4. Verification of other documents depending on the application

The number and type of supporting documents required depend on the possible risk of illegal immigration and the local situation (for example whether the currency is convertible) and may vary from one country to another. As concerns assessment of the supporting documents, the diplomatic missions or consular posts of the Contracting Parties may agree on practical arrangements adapted to suit local circumstances.

The supporting documents shall cover the purpose of the journey, means of transport and return, means of subsistence and accommodation:

- supporting documents regarding the purpose of the journey shall mean for example:
 - a letter of invitation,
 - a summons,
 - an organised trip.
- supporting documents regarding means of transport and return shall mean for example:
 - a return ticket,
 - currency for petrol or car insurance.

- supporting documents regarding means of subsistence:

The following may be accepted as proof of means of subsistence: liquid cash in convertible currency, travellers cheques, cheque books for a foreign currency account, credit cards or any other means that guarantees funds in hard currency.

The level of means of subsistence shall be proportionate to the length of visit and purpose of the visit, and also the cost of living of the Schengen State or States to be visited. To this end, reference amounts shall be fixed each year for the crossing of borders by the national authorities of the Contracting Parties (see Annex 7) ⁽¹⁾.

- supporting documents regarding accommodation:

The following documents *inter alia* may be accepted as proof of accommodation:

- (a) hotel reservation or reservation for a similar establishment;
- (b) documents proving the existence of a lease or a property title, in the applicant's name, proving ownership of a property situated in the country to be visited;
- (c) Where an alien states that he/she shall stay at a person's home or in an institution, the diplomatic missions and consular posts shall verify whether the alien will actually be accommodated there:
 - either by checking with the national authorities, where such checks are necessary;
 - or by requiring that a certificate be presented which vouches for the undertaking to accommodate, in the form of a harmonised form filled in by the host and stamped by the competent authority of the Contracting Party, according to the provisions laid down in its national law. A model of the form may be adopted by the Executive Committee;
 - or by requiring that a certificate or an official or public document be presented which vouches for the undertaking to accommodate, worded and checked in accordance with the internal law of the Contracting Party concerned.

The presentation of documents relating to the commitment to accommodate referred to in the previous two indents is not a new condition for the issuing of visas. These documents have a practical purpose, aimed at proving that accommodation is available and, where appropriate, the existence of means of subsistence. If a Contracting Party uses this type of document, then it should in any case, specify the identity of the host and of the guest or guests, the address of the accommodation, the length and purpose of the visit, any possible family ties, and indicate whether the host is residing lawfully in the country.

After having issued the visa, the diplomatic mission or consular post shall affix its stamp and write the visa number on the document in order to avoid it being reused.

⁽¹⁾ These reference amounts shall be fixed according to the arrangements laid down in Part I of the common manual on external borders.

These checks are aimed at avoiding any false/fraudulent invitations or invitations from illegal or possibly illegal aliens.

Before applying for a uniform visa, applicants may be exempted from the requirement to provide supporting documents regarding accommodation if they are able to prove that they have sufficient financial means to cover their subsistence and accommodation costs in the Schengen State or States that they plan to visit.

— Other documents where necessary

Depending on the case in question, other documents may be required, for example:

- proof of place of residence and proof of ties with the country of residence;
- parental authorisation in the case of minors;
- proof of the social and professional status of the applicant.

Where the national laws of the Schengen States require proof of invitations from private individuals or for business trips, sponsorship declarations or proof of accommodation, a harmonised form shall be used.

1.5. Assessment of the applicant's good faith

In order to assess the applicant's good faith, the mission or post shall check whether the applicant is recognised as a person of good faith within the framework of local consular cooperation.

Furthermore, they shall consult the information exchanged, as referred to in Chapter VIII, 3, of these instructions.

2. Decision-making procedure for visa applications

2.1. Choice of type of visa and number of entries

A uniform visa pursuant to Article 11 may be:

- a travel visa valid for one or more entries, provided that neither the length of a continuous visit nor the total length of successive visits exceeds three months in any half-year, from the date of first entry;
- a visa valid for one year, entitling a three month visit during any half-year and several entries; this visa may be issued to persons offering the necessary guarantees and persons whom the Contracting Parties have shown a particular interest in. In exceptional cases, a visa valid for more than one year, but for a maximum of five years, may be issued to certain categories of persons for several entries;
- a transit visa authorising its holder to pass through the territories of the Contracting Parties once, twice or exceptionally several times en route to the territory of a third State, provided that no transit shall exceed five days and provided that the entry of the

alien into the territory of the destination third State is guaranteed and that the route being followed normally requires transit through the territories of the Contracting Parties.

2.2. The administrative responsibility of the intervening authority

The diplomatic representative or the head of the consular section shall assume, in accordance with their national powers, full responsibility with regard to the practical arrangements for the issuing of visas by their missions or posts and shall consult each other on this matter.

The diplomatic mission or consular post shall take its decision on the basis of all the information available to it and bearing in mind the specific situation of each applicant.

2.3. Procedure to be followed in cases of prior consultation with the central authorities of the other Contracting Parties

The Contracting Parties have decided to set up a system for the purpose of carrying out consultation with the central authorities.

The following measures may be applied temporarily should the consultation technical system break down and in accordance with the situation:

- limit the number of cases of consultation to those where consultation is deemed essential;
- use the local network of embassies and consulates of the Contracting Parties concerned in order to channel consultation;
- use the network of embassies of the Contracting Parties located (a) in the country carrying out the consultation, (b) in the country which is to be consulted;
- use of conventional means of communication between contact points: fax, telephone, etc.;
- be more vigilant for the benefit of the common interest.

In cases where the applicants come under the categories listed in Annex 5B subject to consultation with a central authority — of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or of another body — (Article 17(2) of the convention), visas shall be issued according to the procedure outlined below.

The diplomatic mission or consular post with whom an application is lodged by a person from one of these categories shall, in the first instance, check, by carrying out a search in the Schengen information system, whether an alert has been issued on the applicant for the purposes of refusing entry.

It shall then follow the procedure outlined below:

(a) Procedure

The procedure under (b) shall not apply when the visa applicant has been issued an alert in the Schengen information system for the purposes of refusing entry.

(b) Sending applications to the national central authority

The diplomatic mission or consular post with whom an application is lodged by a person from one of the categories subject to consultation shall send this application immediately to the central authority in its country.

- If the central authority decides to refuse an application for which the Contracting Party applied to is responsible, it is not necessary to begin or to continue a consultation procedure with the central authorities of the Contracting Parties which requested to be consulted.
- In the case of an application examined by the representative of the State responsible, the central authority of the Contracting Party with whom the application is lodged shall send it to the central authority of the State responsible. If the central authority of the State being represented — or, the central authority of the representing State, where so provided in the representation agreement — decides to reject the visa application, it is not necessary to begin or to continue a consultation procedure with the central authorities of the Contracting Parties which requested to be consulted.

(c) Information sent to the central authority

As part of consultation with the central authorities, the diplomatic missions or consular posts with whom an application is lodged shall send the following information to their central authority:

1. diplomatic mission or consular post with whom the application was lodged;
2. surname and first names, date and place of birth and, where known, the names of the applicant's parents;
3. nationality of the applicant (s) and, where known, any previous nationalities;
4. type and number of travel document(s) submitted, their date of issue and date of expiry;
5. length and purpose of planned visit;
6. planned dates of travel;
7. residence, profession, employer of the visa applicant;
8. references from the Member States, in particular, any previous applications or visits to the Signatory States;
9. border which the applicant plans to cross in order to enter Schengen territory;

10. any other names (maiden name, or where applicable, married name, in order to complete the identification in accordance with the requirements under the national law of the Contracting Parties and the national law of the State where the applicant is a citizen);
11. any other information deemed necessary by the diplomatic missions or consular posts, concerning for example the spouse or children accompanying the person concerned, any visas previously issued to the applicant and visa applications for the same destination.

This information shall be taken from the visa application form, in the order in which it appears on the aforementioned form.

The above headings shall act as the basis of the information to be sent in consultation between central authorities. The Contracting Party carrying out the consultation shall as a rule be responsible for the way it sends the information, in the understanding that the date and time of transmission and its receipt by the recipient central authorities should be clearly marked.

(d) Sending applications between central authorities

The central authority of the Contracting Party whose mission or post has received an application shall consult, in turn, the central authority or authorities of the Contracting Party or Parties who have asked to be consulted. To this end, the authorities designated by the Contracting Parties shall be considered as central authorities.

After having carried out the necessary checks, these authorities shall send their overall assessment of the visa application to the central authority which consulted them.

(e) Reply time: extension

The maximum deadline which the consulted central authorities have for sending a reply to the central authority which asked for the consultation shall be seven calendar days. The initial reply time is taken from the time at which the application is sent by the central authority which has to carry out the consultation.

If, during the course of these seven days, one of the consulted central authorities asks for the deadline to be extended, this may be increased by seven days.

In exceptional cases, the consulted central authority may submit a justified request for an extension of more than seven days.

The authorities being consulted shall ensure that in cases of urgency, the reply is sent back as quickly as possible.

Where no reply is received by the initial deadline or, where applicable, by the extended deadline it shall be the equivalent of an authorisation and shall mean that there are, as far as the Contracting Party or Parties consulted are concerned, no grounds for objecting to the issue of a visa.

(f) Decision based on the outcome of the consultation

Once the initial or extended deadline has expired, the central authority of the Contracting Party with whom the application is lodged may authorise the diplomatic mission or consular post to issue the uniform visa.

Where there is no clear decision on the part of the central authority, the diplomatic mission or consular post with whom the application is lodged may issue the visa after a period of 14 days, from the time at which the application was sent by the central authority carrying out the consultation. It is up to each central authority to inform its missions and posts at the start of each consultation period.

In cases where the central authority receives a request for an exceptional extension to the deadline, it shall inform the mission or post with whom the application is lodged thereof: it shall not decide on the application before having received clear instructions from its central authority.

(g) Transmission of specific documents

In exceptional cases, the embassy where the visa application is lodged may, at the request of the consular mission of the consulted State, transmit pursuant to Article 17 of the Schengen Convention the visa application form (with a space for a photograph).

This procedure shall only apply in places where there are diplomatic or consular missions of both the consulting State and consulted State and only in respect of the nationalities listed in Annex 5B.

In no circumstances may the reply to the consultation or the request to extend the time limit for consultation be undertaken locally, with the exception of consultation at local level in accordance with the current provisions of Annex 5B of the common consular instructions; the consultation network shall always be used for exchanges between the central authorities.

2.4. Refusal to examine an application, to issue a visa

The procedure and the possible channels of appeal in cases where the diplomatic mission or consular post of a Contracting Party refuses to examine an application or issue a visa, are governed by the law of that Contracting Party.

If a visa is refused and national law provides for the grounds for such a refusal to be given, this must be done on the basis of the following text:

‘Your request for a visa has been refused pursuant to Article 15 in conjunction with Article 5 of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement of 19 June 1990 because you do not satisfy the conditions under (a), (c), (d), (e), (indicate relevant condition(s)) of Article 5(1) of the said convention, which stipulates..... (quote relevant condition(s)).’

If necessary, the above grounds may be supplemented with more detailed information or contain other information in accordance with the requirements in this area laid down in the national law of the Schengen States.

When an embassy or consular post which is representing another Schengen State is forced to discontinue its examination of a visa application, the applicant should be notified thereof and informed that he/she may go to the nearest diplomatic or consular mission of the State competent to examine the visa application.

3. Visas with limited territorial validity

A visa whose validity is limited to the national territory of one or several Contracting Parties may be issued:

1. In cases where a diplomatic mission or consular post considers it necessary to derogate from the principle laid down in Article 15 of the convention (Article 16) on one of the grounds listed in Article 5(2) (for humanitarian reasons, on grounds of national interest or because of international obligations);
2. In cases provided for in Article 14 of the convention, according to which:
 - '1. No visa may be affixed to a travel document if that travel document is not valid for any of the Contracting Parties. If a travel document is only valid for one Contracting Party or for a number of Contracting Parties the visa to be affixed shall be limited to the Contracting Party or Parties in question.
 2. If a travel document is not recognised as valid by one or more of the Contracting Parties an authorisation may be issued in place of a visa.'
3. In cases where, due to extreme urgency, (for humanitarian reasons, on grounds of national interest or because of international obligations), a mission or post does not consult the central authorities or where this procedure gives rise to protest;
4. In cases where a mission or post issues, as an absolute necessity, a new visa for a visit to be carried out during the same half-year to an applicant who, over a six-month period, has already used a visa with a validity of three months.

The validity is limited to the territory of one Contracting Party, the Benelux or two Benelux States for scenarios 1, 3 and 4 above, and to the territory of one or several Contracting Parties, the Benelux or two Benelux States for Scenario 2.

The missions or posts of the other Contracting Parties shall be informed of cases where these visas are issued.

VI. How to fill in visa-stickers

Annexes 8 and 13 contain the following: 8 — a description of the sticker's security features; 13 — examples of specimen visa-stickers that have already been filled in.

1. Common entries section (Section 8)

1.1. 'Valid for' heading

This heading indicates the territory in which the visa holder is entitled to travel.

This heading may only be completed in one of the following three ways:

- (a) Schengen States;
 - (b) Schengen State or Schengen States to whose territory the validity of the visa is limited (in this case the following abbreviations are used: F for France, D for Germany, E for Spain, GR for Greece, P for Portugal, I for Italy, L for Luxembourg, N for the Netherlands, B for Belgium);
 - (c) Benelux.
- When the sticker is used to issue the uniform visa pursuant to Articles 10 and 11 of the convention, or to issue a visa whose validity is not limited to the territory of the Contracting Party which issued the visa, the heading 'valid for' is filled in using the words 'Schengen States', in the language of the Contracting Party which issued the visa.
 - When the sticker is used to issue visas which restrict entry, stay and exit to just one territory, this heading shall be filled in, in the national language, with the name of the Contracting Party to which the visa holder's entry, stay and exit are limited.
 - Pursuant to Article 14 of the convention, limited territorial validity may cover the territory of several Contracting Parties; in such cases, the name of the Contracting Parties concerned shall be written under this heading.
 - Limited territorial validity may not apply to a territory smaller than that of a Contracting Party.

1.2. 'From... to' heading

This heading shows the period during which the holder may carry out the visit authorised by the visa.

The date from which the visa holder may enter the territory for which the visa is valid, is written as below, following the word 'From':

- the day is written using two figures, the first of which is a zero if the day in question is a single figure;
- horizontal dash;

- the month is written using two figures, the first of which is a zero if the month in question is a single figure;
- horizontal dash;
- the year is written using two figures, which correspond with the last two figures of the year;
- for example: 15-04-94 = 15 April 1994.

The last date on which the visa holder may carry out the visit authorised by the visa is written following the word 'TO'. The visa holder must have left the territory for which the visa is valid by midnight on this date.

This date is written in the same way as the first date above.

1.3. 'Number of entries' heading

This heading shows the number of times the visa holder may enter the territory for which the visa is valid; in other words, this shall mean the number of periods of stay which may be divided over the entire period of validity, see 1.4.

The number of entries may be one, two or more. This number is written to the right hand-side of the pre-printed part, using '01', '02' or the abbreviation 'MULT', where the visa authorises more than two entries.

For a transit visa, only one or two entries may be authorised ('01' or '02' shall be written). More than two entries ('MULT') shall only be authorised in exceptional cases.

The visa shall expire when the total number of exits made by the holder equals the number of authorised entries, even if the holder has not used up the number of days authorised by the visa.

1.4. 'Duration of visit... days' heading

This heading indicates the number of days during which the holder may stay in the territory for which the visa is valid ⁽¹⁾. This visit may be a continuous one or divided up, depending on the number of days authorised, over several periods between the dates mentioned under 1.2, bearing in mind the number of entries authorised under 1.3.

The number of days authorised is written in the blank space between 'Duration of visit' and 'Days', in the form of two figures, the first of which is a zero if the number of days is less than 10.

The maximum number of days that can be included under this heading is 90 per any half-year.

⁽¹⁾ In the case of transit visas, the length of transit shall not exceed five days.

1.5. 'Issued in... on...' heading

This heading shows, in the language of the Contracting Party issuing the visa, the name of the town in which the diplomatic mission or consular post which is issuing the visa is found, this name is written between 'IN' and 'ON'. The date of issue is indicated after 'ON'.

The date of issue is written in the same way as the date referred to in 1.2.

The authority which issued the visa may be identified by way of the entry which appears in the stamp affixed to Section 4.

1.6. 'Passport number' heading

This heading indicates the number of the passport to which the visa-sticker is affixed. This number shall be followed by reference to any children and to the spouse if these appear in the passport, who are accompanying the holder (a letter 'X' for children preceded by the number thereof (for example 3X = three children) and a letter 'Y' for the spouse).

The passport number is the series number which is pre-printed or perforated on all or almost all of the pages of the passport.

1.7. 'Type of visa' heading

In order to facilitate matters for the control authorities, this heading specifies the type of visa using the letters A, B, C and D as follows:

A: airport transit visa

B: transit visa

C: short-term visa

D: long-term national visa

For visas with limited territorial validity and group visas the letters A, B or C shall be used depending on the case in question.

2. National entries section ('COMMENTS'). Section 9

Contrary to Section 8 (joint and obligatory entries), this section is reserved for any comments relating to national provisions. Although the Contracting Parties shall be free to include any comments which they deem relevant, they shall be obliged to inform their partners thereof in order that these comments may be interpreted (see Annex 9).

3. Section on the stamp of the mission or post issuing the visa. Section 4

The stamp of the mission or post issuing the visa is affixed in the rectangle between the left-hand side of the sticker and the section 'COMMENTS' and the rotogravure section and the section to be electronically scanned.

The size and content of the stamp and the ink to be used shall be determined by the national provisions of the Contracting Parties.

4. Section to be electronically scanned. Section 5

Both the format of the visa-sticker and that of the electronically scanned section have been decided by the ICAO on the basis of a proposal put forward by the Schengen States. This section is made up of two lines of 36 characters (OCR B-10 cpi). Annex 10 explains how this section is to be filled in.

5. Other aspects relating to the issue of visas

5.1. Signing visas

In cases where the law or practice of a Contracting Party requires a hand-written signature, the sticker affixed to the page of the passport shall be signed by the official responsible in this regard.

The signature is placed at the right-hand side of the heading 'Comments'; part of the signature should extend onto the page of the passport or the travel document, but it must not cover the section to be electronically scanned.

5.2. Invalidating completed visa-stickers

No changes shall be made to the visa-sticker. If there is a mistake made when the visa is issued then the sticker shall be invalidated.

- If the mistake is detected on a sticker which has not yet been affixed to the passport, the sticker shall be destroyed or cut diagonally in half.
- If the mistake is detected after the sticker has been affixed to the passport, the sticker shall have a red cross drawn on it and a new sticker shall be affixed.

5.3. Affixing visa-stickers to passports

The sticker shall be filled in before being affixed to the passport. The stamp and the signature shall be placed on the sticker once it has been affixed to the passport or travel document.

Once the visa-sticker has been correctly filled in, it shall be affixed to the first page of the passport that is free from any other entries or stamps — other than the identification stamp of the application. Passports which do not have space free for affixing the sticker, passports which have expired and passports which do not authorise exit from the territory

before the visa expires, or the alien's return to his/her country of origin or entry into a third country (see Article 13 of the convention), shall be refused.

5.4. Passports and travel documents to which uniform visas may be affixed

The criteria for deciding which travel documents may bear a visa, in accordance with the provision of Article 17(3)(a) of the convention, are listed in Annex 11.

In accordance with Article 14, no visa may be affixed to a travel document if that travel document is not valid for any of the Contracting Parties. If a travel document is only valid for one Contracting Party or for a number of Contracting Parties the visa to be affixed shall be limited to the Contracting Party or Parties in question.

If a travel document is not recognised as valid by one or more of the Contracting Parties an authorisation may be issued in place of the visa. This authorisation shall be written on a separate sheet of paper and shall only have the effect of a visa with limited territorial validity.

VII. Administrative management and organisation

1. Organisation of visa sections

Each Contracting Party shall be responsible for organising its visa sections.

The heads of the missions or posts shall ensure that the section responsible for issuing visas is organised in such a way as to avoid any type of negligent behaviour which could facilitate theft and falsifications.

- The staff responsible for issuing visas shall in no way be exposed to local pressure.
- In order to avoid 'habits' being formed which could lead to a decline in the level of vigilance, the officers responsible shall be rotated on a regular basis.
- The storage and use of visa-stickers shall be the subject of security measures similar to those applied to other documents which require protection.

2. Filing

Each Contracting Party shall be responsible for filing visa applications, and photographs of applicants in cases where visas are subject to central consultation.

Visa applications shall be kept for at least one year where the visa has been issued and at least five years where the visa has been refused.

In order to make it easier to locate an application, the file and archive references shall be mentioned during consultation and in replies to consultation.

3. Visa registers

Each Contracting Party shall register visas which have been issued in accordance with national practice. Visa-stickers shall be registered as such.

4. Fees to be charged for the issue of visas

The fees to be charged for the issue of visas are listed in Annex 12.

VIII. Consular cooperation at a local level

1. Outline of consular cooperation at a local level

On the spot consular cooperation shall, generally speaking, focus on assessing immigration risks. It shall mainly be aimed at determining common criteria for examining files, exchanging information on the use of false documents, on possible illegal immigration routes and on refusing visas where applications are clearly ill-founded or fraudulent. It should also enable the exchange of information on bona fide applicants and on the joint development of information for the general public on the conditions governing Schengen visa applications.

Consular cooperation shall also take account of the local administrative situation and social and economic structure.

The missions and posts shall organise meetings on a regular basis depending on circumstances and as often as they deem suitable; they shall submit reports on these meetings to the central authorities. At the request of the Presidency they shall submit a general half-yearly report.

2. How to avoid multiple applications or applications which are lodged after a recent refusal to issue

The exchange of information between missions and posts and the identification of applications by means of a stamp or by other means are aimed at preventing the presentation, by the same person, of multiple or successive visa applications, either whilst an application is being examined, or after an application had been refused, by the same mission or post or by a different mission or post.

Without prejudice to the consultation which may take place between the missions and posts and the exchanges of information which they may carry out, the mission or post with whom an application is lodged, shall affix a stamp to each applicant's passport stipulating 'Visa applied for on... at...'. The space following 'on' shall be filled in with six figures (two figures for the day, two for the month and two for the year): the second space shall be reserved for the diplomatic mission or consular post concerned. The code for the visa that has been applied for must be added.

The mission or post which receives the application shall decide whether or not to affix a stamp to diplomatic and service passports.

The stamp may also be affixed in the case of applications for long-stay visas.

When a Schengen State is representing another Schengen State, the stamp shall show, after the code of the type of visa requested, the indication 'R' followed by the code of the represented State.

Where the visa is issued, the sticker shall, as far as possible, be affixed on top of the identification stamp.

In exceptional circumstances when it is impracticable to affix a stamp, the mission or post of the Presidency in office shall inform the relevant Schengen group and submit for the group's approval an alternative proposal, for instance involving the exchange of photocopies of passports or lists of rejected visa applications giving grounds for the refusal.

The heads of the diplomatic missions or posts shall adopt at a local level, and at the initiative of the Presidency, alternative or additional preventative measures, where such measures prove necessary.

3. Assessment of the applicant's good faith

In order to facilitate the assessment of the applicant's good faith, the diplomatic missions or consular posts may, in accordance with national legislation, carry out an exchange of information on the basis of arrangements concluded at a local level as part of their cooperation, and pursuant to point 1 of this chapter.

Information on the following may be exchanged from time to time: persons whose applications have been refused due to the fact that stolen, lost or falsified documents have been used, or that the date of exit on the previous visa was not respected or that there is a risk to security and in particular there is reason to believe that an attempt is being made to illegally immigrate to the territory of the Contracting Parties.

The information which is jointly exchanged and produced shall serve as a working instrument for assessing visa applications. It shall not, however, replace the actual examination of the visa application nor the search in the Schengen information system, nor consultation with the requesting central authorities.

4. Exchange of statistics

- 4.1. Statistics on short-stay visas, transit visas and airport transit visas that have been issued and on applications for such visas that have been formally rejected shall be exchanged every three months.
- 4.2. Without prejudice to the obligations laid down in Article 16 of the convention, which are clearly set out in Annex 14 to the common consular instructions and which require the Schengen States to forward within 72 hours details concerning the issue of visas with limited territorial validity, the diplomatic missions and consular posts of the Schengen States are obliged to exchange their statistics on visas with limited territorial validity issued the previous month and transmit them to their respective national central authorities.

ANNEX 1

I. Joint list of States whose citizens are required to have a visa by all the Schengen States

II. Updated list of States whose citizens are exempt from the visa requirement by all the Schengen States

III. Updated list of States whose citizens are required to have a visa by some Schengen States only

The lists below show the decisions adopted by the Executive Committee of Schengen up to 1 May 1999. Information on any amendments made after 1 May 1999 may be obtained from the relevant departments of the Commission or of the General Secretariat of the Council.

I. Joint list of States ⁽¹⁾ whose citizens are required to have a visa by all the Schengen States

AFGHANISTAN ⁽²⁾
ALBANIA ⁽²⁾
ALGERIA ⁽²⁾
ANGOLA ⁽²⁾
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
ARMENIA ⁽²⁾
AZERBAIJAN ⁽²⁾
BAHAMAS
BAHRAIN ⁽²⁾
BANGLADESH ⁽²⁾
BARBADOS
BELARUS ⁽²⁾
BELIZE
BENIN ⁽²⁾

BHUTAN ⁽²⁾
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA
BOTSWANA
BULGARIA ⁽²⁾
BURKINA FASO ⁽²⁾
BURMA/MYANMAR ⁽²⁾
BURUNDI ⁽²⁾
CAMBODIA ⁽²⁾
CAMEROON ⁽²⁾
CAPE VERDE ⁽²⁾
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC ⁽²⁾
CHAD ⁽²⁾
CHINA ⁽²⁾
COMOROS ⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾ This list shall be without prejudice to the position of each of the Schengen States with regard to the international status of the countries mentioned, and without prejudice to the relations they might have with the latter.

⁽²⁾ Referred to in the annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 574/1999 of 12 March 1999 determining the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders of the Member States.

CONGO BRAZZAVILLE ⁽¹⁾	MAURITIUS ⁽¹⁾
CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF) ⁽¹⁾	MICRONESIA
COTE D'IVOIRE ⁽¹⁾	MOLDOVA ⁽¹⁾
CUBA ⁽¹⁾	MONGOLIA ⁽¹⁾
DJIBOUTI ⁽¹⁾	MOROCCO ⁽¹⁾
DOMINICA	MOZAMBIQUE ⁽¹⁾
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ⁽¹⁾	NAMIBIA
EGYPT ⁽¹⁾	NAURU
EQUATORIAL GUINEA ⁽¹⁾	NEPAL ⁽¹⁾
ERITREA ⁽¹⁾	NIGER ⁽¹⁾
ETHIOPIA ⁽¹⁾	NIGERIA ⁽¹⁾
FIJI ⁽¹⁾	NORTH KOREA ⁽¹⁾
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO) ⁽¹⁾	NORTHERN MARIANAS (ISLANDS)
FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA ⁽¹⁾	OMAN ⁽¹⁾
GABON ⁽¹⁾	PAKISTAN ⁽¹⁾
GAMBIA ⁽¹⁾	PALAU
GEORGIA ⁽¹⁾	PAPUA NEW GUINEA ⁽¹⁾
GHANA ⁽¹⁾	PERU ⁽¹⁾
GRENADA	PHILIPPINES ⁽¹⁾
GUINEA ⁽¹⁾	QATAR ⁽¹⁾
GUINEA-BISSAU ⁽¹⁾	ROMANIA ⁽¹⁾
GUYANA ⁽¹⁾	RUSSIA ⁽¹⁾
HAITI ⁽¹⁾	RWANDA ⁽¹⁾
INDIA ⁽¹⁾	SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
INDONESIA ⁽¹⁾	SAINT LUCIA
IRAN ⁽¹⁾	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
IRAQ ⁽¹⁾	SAMOA (WESTERN)
JAMAICA	SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE ⁽¹⁾
JORDAN ⁽¹⁾	SAUDI ARABIA ⁽¹⁾
KAZAKHSTAN ⁽¹⁾	SENEGAL ⁽¹⁾
KENYA	SEYCHELLES
KIRIBATI	SIERRA LEONE ⁽¹⁾
KUWAIT ⁽¹⁾	SOLOMON ISLANDS
KYRGYZSTAN ⁽¹⁾	SOMALIA ⁽¹⁾
LAOS ⁽¹⁾	SOUTH AFRICA
LEBANON ⁽¹⁾	SRI LANKA ⁽¹⁾
LESOTHO	SUDAN ⁽¹⁾
LIBERIA ⁽¹⁾	SURINAME ⁽¹⁾
LIBYA ⁽¹⁾	SWAZILAND
MADAGASCAR ⁽¹⁾	SYRIA ⁽¹⁾
MALAWI	TAIWAN ⁽¹⁾
MALDIVES ⁽¹⁾	TAJIKISTAN ⁽¹⁾
MALI ⁽¹⁾	TANZANIA ⁽¹⁾
MARSHALL ISLANDS	THAILAND ⁽¹⁾
MAURITANIA ⁽¹⁾	TOGO ⁽¹⁾
	TONGA
	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

⁽¹⁾ Referred to in the annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 574/1999 of 12 March 1999 determining the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders of the Member States.

TUNISIA ⁽¹⁾	UZBEKISTAN ⁽¹⁾
TURKEY ⁽¹⁾	VANUATU
TURKMENISTAN ⁽¹⁾	VIETNAM ⁽¹⁾
TUVALU	YEMEN ⁽¹⁾
UGANDA ⁽¹⁾	ZAMBIA ⁽¹⁾
UKRAINE ⁽¹⁾	ZIMBABWE
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES ⁽¹⁾	

⁽¹⁾ Referred to in the annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 574/1999 of 12 March 1999 determining the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders of the Member States.

II. Updated schedule of States whose citizens are exempt from the visa requirement by all the Schengen States

ANDORRA	LITHUANIA
ARGENTINA	MALAYSIA
AUSTRALIA	MALTA
BOLIVIA	MEXICO
BRAZIL ⁽¹⁾	MONACO
BRUNEI	NEW ZEALAND
CANADA	NICARAGUA
CHILE	NORWAY
COSTA RICA	PANAMA
CROATIA	PARAGUAY
CYPRUS	POLAND ⁽¹⁾
CZECH REPUBLIC	SALVADOR
ECUADOR	SAN MARINO
ESTONIA	SINGAPORE
GUATEMALA	SLOVAKIA
HONDURAS	SLOVENIA
HUNGARY	SOUTH KOREA
ICELAND	SWITZERLAND
ISRAEL ⁽²⁾	UNITED STATES ⁽³⁾
JAPAN	URUGUAY
LATVIA	VATICAN CITY STATE
LIECHTENSTEIN	VENEZUELA

⁽¹⁾ Greece requires visas for seamen who are nationals of this State.

⁽²⁾ France shall continue to require short-term visas from vessel and aircraft crew members carrying out their duties.

⁽³⁾ France requires visas for the following categories of nationals of the United States:

- students;
- journalists on assignment;
- ship or flight crews in the exercise of their duties.

III. Updated schedule of States whose citizens are required to have a visa by one or more Schengen States

COLOMBIA

LIST OF STATES WHOSE CITIZENS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A VISA BY SOME SCHENGEN STATES ONLY								
	Austria	Germany	Benelux	Spain	France	Greece	Italy	Portugal
Colombia			V		V	V		V

A N N E X 2

Regulations governing the movement of holders of diplomatic, official and service passports, and holders of laissez-passers which certain international intergovernmental organisations issue to their officials

I. Regulations governing movements at external borders

1. Movements of holders of diplomatic, official and service passports is not governed by the common list of visa requirements. The Contracting States undertake, however, to keep their partners informed, in advance of any changes that they intend to make to the regulations governing the movements of holders of the abovementioned passports and to take into account the interests of their partners.

2. Given the aim of an increase in flexibility being adopted in the approach to harmonising the rules applied to holders of the abovementioned passports, a schedule of countries whose nationals are not subject to a visa requirement since they hold the abovementioned passports, although this visa requirement applies to ordinary passport holders of the same nationality, is annexed to the common visa instructions, for information purposes. The reverse situation shall also be compiled in a schedule, should this be necessary. The Executive Committee shall assume responsibility for updating these lists.

3. The regulations governing movements mentioned in this document shall not apply to holders of ordinary passports carrying out public affairs nor holders of service, official, or special passports, etc. for which the issue by third countries is not in line with the international practice applied by the Schengen States. Accordingly, the Executive Committee, acting on a proposal of a group of experts, could draw up a list of passports other than the ordinary passports for holders, which the Schengen States do not plan to accord preferential treatment.

4. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 18 of the implementing convention, persons to whom a visa is issued so that they may reach the territory of the Schengen State for the purposes of their accreditation may, at least, pass through the other States on their way to the State which issued the visa.

5. Persons who have already been accredited by a diplomatic or consular representation and their family members who hold an identity card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs may cross the external border with the Schengen area on production of the said identity card, and, where necessary, the travel document.

6. In general, the holders of diplomatic, official or service passports, even though they remain subject to a visa requirement, when this requirement exists, do not have to prove that they have sufficient means of subsistence at their disposal. However, if they are travelling in a personal capacity, they may, where necessary, be asked to produce the same supporting documents as are required from ordinary passport holders applying for visas.

7. A *note verbale* from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or from a diplomatic mission (if the visa application is lodged in a third country) should accompany each application for a visa for a diplomatic, official or service passport when the applicant is on official duty. Where the journey is for private purposes, a *note verbale* may also be required.

8.1. The arrangement for prior consultation with the central authorities of the other Contracting States shall apply to applications for visas made by holders of diplomatic, official and service passports. Prior consultation shall not be made with the State which concluded an agreement removing the visa requirement for holders of diplomatic and/or service passports with the country whose nationals are concerned by the consultation (in the cases contained in Annex 5 to this instruction).

Should one of the Contracting States raise objections, the Schengen State which should decide on the application for a visa can issue a visa of limited territorial validity.

8.2. The Schengen States undertake not to conclude at a future date, without prior agreement with the other Member States, agreements in the area of removing visa requirements for holders of diplomatic, official and service passports with States whose nationals are subject to prior consultation for a visa to be issued by another Schengen State.

8.3. If it involves a visa being issued for accrediting a foreigner who is listed as not to be granted entry and the arrangement for prior consultation applies, the consultation should be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Article 25 of the implementing convention.

9. If a Contracting State invokes the exceptions provided for under Article 5(2) of the implementing convention, granting entry to holders of diplomatic, official or service passports would also be limited to the national territory of the State in question, which should inform the other Member States.

II. Regulations governing movements at internal borders

In general, the arrangement under Articles 19 et seq. shall apply, except for the issue of a visa of limited territorial validity.

The holders of diplomatic, official and service passports may move within the territory of the Contracting States for three months from the date of entry (if they are not subject to the visa requirements) or for the duration provided for by the visa.

Persons accredited by a diplomatic or consular post and their family members, holders of the card issued by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs may move within the territory of the Contracting States for a maximum duration of three months upon production of this card and, if required, the travel document.

Regulations governing movements outlined in this document shall apply to laissez-passers issued by the intergovernmental international organisations which all the Schengen States are members of, to their officials, who pursuant to the Treaty constituting these organisations, are exempt from registering with the Immigration Office and from holding a residence permit (see page 47 of the common manual).

III. Regulations governing movement of holders of diplomatic, official and service passports

Schedule A

Countries whose nationals are not subject to a visa requirement in one or more Schengen States when they are holders of diplomatic, official and service passports, but which are subject to this requirement when they are holders of ordinary passports.

	A	B/NL/L	D	EL	E	F	I	P
Albania				DS			D	
Algeria							DS	
Angola								DS
Antigua and Barbados				DS				
Bahamas	DS							
Barbados	DS						DS	
Benin							DS	
Bosnia Herzegovina	D			D				
Botswana							DS	
Bulgaria	D		D	DS	D	D		D
Burkina Faso							DS	
Cape Verde								DS
Chad		D	DS					
Côte d'Ivoire	DS	DS				DS	DS	
Dominica							DS	
Dominican Republic							DS	
Egypt							DS	
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia				DS			DS	
Fiji							DS	
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	D					D	DS	
Gabon						D		
Gambia							DS	
Ghana			DS					
Guyana							DS	

	A	B/NL/L	D	EL	E	F	I	P
India			D					
Jamaica		DS						
Kuwait							DS	
Lesotho							DS	
Malawi		DS						
Maldives	DS							
Morocco	DS	DS	D	DS	D	D	DS	DS
Mauritania							DS	
Mozambique								DS
Niger							DS	
Uganda							DS	
Pakistan	DS	DS	DS					
Peru	DS			DS			DS	
Philippines	DS		DS	DS	DS		DS	
Romania	D	D		D	D	D	D	D
Western Samoa							DS	
São Tomé and Príncipe								DS
Senegal	DS	DS	DS			D	DS	
Seychelles	D							
South Africa	DS							
Swaziland							DS	
Thailand	DS	DS	DS				DS	
Togo							DS	
Trinidad and Tobago	DS							
Tunisia	DS	DS		DS	D	D	DS	DS
Turkey	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	DS	
Uganda							DS	
Venezuela								D
Zimbabwe				DS				

DS: The holders of diplomatic and service passports are exempt from visa requirements.

D: Only holders of diplomatic passports are exempted from a visa requirement.

Schedule B

Countries whose nationals are subject to visas in one or more Schengen States, when they are holders of diplomatic, official, or service passports, but which are not subject to this requirement when they are holders of ordinary passports.

	A	B/NL/L	D	EL	E	F	I	P
Australia								X
Chile						X		
Israel						X		
Mexico	X							
Paraguay								X
United States				X		X ⁽¹⁾		

⁽¹⁾ If travelling on official business.

ANNEX 3

List of States whose nationals are subject to an airport transit visa requirement, where holders of travel documents issued by these States are also subject to this visa requirement ⁽¹⁾

The Schengen States undertake not to amend Part I of Annex 3 without the prior consent of the other Member States.

If a Member State intends to amend Part II of this annex, it undertakes to inform its partners and to take account of its interests.

Part I: Joint list of States whose nationals are subject to airport visa requirements (ATV) by all Schengen States, holders of travel documents issued by these States also being subject to this requirement ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾

AFGHANISTAN
BANGLADESH
CONGO (Democratic Republic) ⁽⁴⁾
ERITREA ⁽⁴⁾
ETHIOPIA
GHANA
IRAQ
IRAN
NIGERIA
PAKISTAN
SOMALIA
SRI LANKA

These persons shall not be subject to the visa requirement if they hold one of the residence permits of an EEA Member State listed in Part III (A) of this annex or one of the residence permits of Andorra, Japan, Canada, Monaco, San Marino, Switzerland or the United

⁽¹⁾ It is not necessary to consult the central authorities for the issue of an airport transit visa (ATV).

⁽²⁾ For all the Schengen States

The following persons shall be exempt from the ATV requirement:

— airplane crew members who are nationals of a Contracting Party to the convention of Chicago.

⁽³⁾ For the Benelux countries, Spain and France

The following persons shall be exempt from the ATV requirement:

— holders of diplomatic and service passports.

⁽⁴⁾ For Germany

The visa requirement will only take effect when the national initiated procedures have been completed.

States indicated below which guarantees an unqualified right of return, referred to in Part III (B).

The list of residence permits shall be completed by mutual agreement in the framework of Working Group II subgroup on visas and subjected to regular scrutiny. Should problems arise, the Schengen States may suspend the application of these measures until such time as the problems in question have been resolved by mutual agreement. The Contracting States may exclude certain residence permits from the exemption where indicated in Section III.

Exemptions from the airport transit visa requirement for holders of diplomatic, service or other official passports shall be decided by each Member State individually.

Part II: List of States whose nationals are subject to an airport transit visa requirement by some Schengen States only, with holders of travel documents issued by these States also being subject to this requirement

	A ⁽¹⁾	B / NL / L ⁽²⁾	D	EL	E ⁽³⁾	F ⁽⁴⁾	I ⁽⁵⁾	P
Albania						x		
Angola		x	x	x	x	x		
Bulgaria			x					
Côte d'Ivoire					x			
Gambia			x					
Guinea Bissau					x			
Haiti						x		
India		x	x ⁽⁶⁾	x	x		x	
Indonesia								x
Jordan			x					
Lebanon		x	x					
Liberia	x				x	x		x
Libya	x					x		
Mali					x			
Romania			x					
Senegal					x		x	x
Sierra Leone					x	x		
Sudan	x		x	x				
Syria		x	x	x				
Togo					x			
Turkey		x	x ⁽⁶⁾	x				

⁽¹⁾ Aliens subject to transit visa obligations no longer require an airport transit visa for transit (ATV) via an Austrian airport provided they hold one of the following documents that is valid for the length of the stay necessary for the transit:

- a residence permit issued by Andorra, Japan, Canada, Monaco, San Marino, Switzerland, the Holy See or the US which guarantees an unqualified right to return;
- a visa or residence permit issued by a Schengen State for which the accession agreement has been brought into force;
- a residence permit issued by a Member State of the EEA.

⁽²⁾ Only when nationals are not in possession of a valid residence permit for the Member States of the EEA, the United States or Canada. Holders of diplomatic and service passports are also exempt.

⁽³⁾ Holders of diplomatic, official and service passports are not subject to the ATV requirement. The same applies to holders of ordinary passports residing in a Member State of the EEA, the United States, or holding a valid entry visa for one of those countries.

⁽⁴⁾ The following persons shall be exempt from the ATV requirement:

- holders of diplomatic and service passports;
- holders of one of the residence permits listed in Part III;
- aeroplane crew members who are nationals of a Contracting Party to the convention of Chicago.

⁽⁵⁾ Only when nationals are not in possession of a valid residence permit for the Member States of the EEA, the United States or Canada.

⁽⁶⁾ Only when nationals are not in possession of a valid visa for the Member States of the EEA, Switzerland, Canada or the United States.

Part III:

A. List of residence permits of EEA States for which the holders are exempt from the airport transit visa requirement on presentation of the document

DENMARK

- *Opholdstilladelse* (residence permit in the form of a card marked C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K or L)
- *Opholdstilladelse* (residence permit in the form of a pink and white sticker affixed to the passport and marked B, C or H)
- *Tilbagerejsetilladelse* (re-entry permit in the form of a stamp affixed to the passport and marked I, II or III)

FINLAND

- *Oleskelulupa uppehållstillstånd* (residence permit in card form for EU nationals or EEA nationals and their family members residing in Finland)
- Residence permit in the form of a sticker filled out in English and clearly showing the type and length of validity of the permit: bears the inscription 'Suomi Finland', 'visa' and 'permit'
- Residence permit in the form of a sticker modelled on a visa sticker with the entry in Finnish '*Oleskelulupa Ja Työlupa*' (residence and work permit)
- *Oleskelulupa uppehållstillstånd* (uniform EU residence permit filled out in Finnish/Swedish)

ICELAND

- Alien's passport (brown cover) in conjunction with a re-entry permit in the form of a stamp in the passport ⁽¹⁾
- Temporary residence permit (red card) in conjunction with a re-entry permit in the form of a stamp in the passport
- Permanent residence permit (yellow card with a green stripe)
- Permanent work and residence permit (green card)

⁽¹⁾ This residence permit does not exempt the holder from the airport transit visa requirement in Germany.

IRELAND

- Residence permit only in conjunction with a re-entry visa

LIECHTENSTEIN

- *Livret pour étranger B* (residence permit, sufficient within the period of validity of one year) ⁽¹⁾
- *Livret pour étranger C* (settlement permit, sufficient within the period of validity of 5 or 10 years)

NORWAY

- *Oppholdstillatelse* (temporary residence permit)
- *Arbeidstillatelse* (temporary work permit)
- *Bosettingstillatelse* (permanent residence and work permit)

SWEDEN

- Permanent residence permit in the form of a sticker affixed to the passport and marked '*SVERIGE Bevis om permanent uppehållstillstånd*'; Sweden: certificate of permanent residence permit'
- Residence and work permit in the form of a visa sticker affixed to the passport and marked '*SVERIGE Uppehålls och arbetstillstånd*'; Sweden: residence and work permit'

UNITED KINGDOM

- Leave to remain in the United Kingdom for an indefinite period (this document is only sufficient when the holder has not been away for more than two years)
- Certificate of entitlement to the right of abode

B. List of residence permits with unlimited right of return on presentation of which the holders are exempt from the airport transit visa requirement:

ANDORRA

- *Tarjeta provisional de estancia y de trabajo* (provisional residence and work permit) (white). These are issued to seasonal workers; the period of validity depends on the duration of employment, but never exceeds six months. This permit is not renewable ⁽¹⁾.
- *Tarjeta de estancia y de trabajo* (residence and work permit) (white). This permit is issued for six months and may be renewed for another year ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ This residence permit does not exempt the holder from the airport transit visa requirement in Germany.

- *Tarjeta de estancia* (residence permit) (white). This permit is issued for six months and may be renewed for another year ⁽¹⁾.
- *Tarjeta temporal de residencia* (temporary residence permit) (pink). This permit is issued for one year and may be renewed twice, each time for another year ⁽¹⁾.
- *Tarjeta ordinaria de residencia* (ordinary residence permit) (yellow). This permit is issued for three years and may be renewed for another three years ⁽¹⁾.
- *Tarjeta privilegiada de residencia* (special residence permit) (green). This permit is issued for five years and is renewable, each time for another five years.
- *Autorización de residencia* (residence authorisation) (green). This permit is issued for one year and is renewable, each time for another three years ⁽¹⁾.
- *Autorización temporal de residencia y de trabajo* (temporary residence and work authorisation) (pink). This permit is issued for two years and may be renewed for another two years ⁽¹⁾.
- *Autorización ordinaria de residencia y de trabajo* (ordinary residence and work authorisation) (yellow). This permit is issued for five years.
- *Autorización privilegiada de residencia y de trabajo* (special residence and work authorisation) (green). This permit is issued for 10 years and is renewable, each time for another 10 years.

CANADA

- Returning resident permit (loose-leaf in passport)

JAPAN

- Re-entry permit to Japan ⁽¹⁾

MONACO

- *Carte de séjour de résident temporaire de Monaco* (temporary resident's permit) ⁽¹⁾
- *Carte de séjour de résident ordinaire de Monaco* (ordinary resident's permit)
- *Carte de séjour de résident privilégié* (privileged resident's permit)
- *Carte de séjour de conjoint de ressortissant monégasque* (residence permit for the spouse of a person of Monegasque nationality)

⁽¹⁾ This residence permit does not exempt the holder from the airport transit visa requirement in Germany.

SAN MARINO

- *Permesso di soggiorno ordinario (validità illimitata)* (ordinary residence permit (no expiry date))
- *Permesso di soggiorno continuativo speciale (validità illimitata)* (special permanent residence permit (no expiry date))
- *Carta d'identità de San Marino (validità illimitata)* (San Marino identity card (no expiry date))

SWITZERLAND

- *Livret pour étranger B* (residence permit, guaranteeing return of holder within the period of validity of one year) ⁽¹⁾
- *Livret pour étranger C* (settlement permit, guaranteeing return of holder within the period of validity of 5 or 10 years)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- Form I-551 permanent resident card (valid for 2 ⁽¹⁾ to 10 years)
- Form I-551 Alien registration receipt card (valid for 2 ⁽¹⁾ to 10 years)
- Form I-551 Alien registration receipt card (no expiry date)
- Form I-327 Re-entry document (valid for two years — issued to holders of an I-551) ⁽¹⁾
- Resident alien card (valid for 2 ⁽¹⁾ or 10 years or no expiry date. This document is only sufficient when the holder was absent from the US for not longer than one year.)
- Permit to re-enter (valid for two years. This document is only sufficient when the holder was absent from the US for not longer than two years.) ⁽¹⁾
- Valid temporary residence stamp in a valid passport (valid for one year from the date of issue) ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ This residence permit does not exempt the holder from the airport transit visa requirement in Germany.

ANNEX 4

List of documents entitling entry without a visa

BELGIUM

- *Carte d'identité d'étranger*
Identiteitskaart voor vreemdelingen
Personalausweis für Ausländer
(Identity card for foreigners)
- *Certificat d'inscription au registre des étrangers*
Bewijs van inschrijving in het vreemdelingenregister
Bescheinigung der Eintragung im Ausländer-register
(Certificate attesting to entry in foreigners' register)
- Special residence permits issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:
 - *Carte d'identité diplomatique*
Diplomatieke identiteitskaart
Diplomatischer Personalausweis
(Diplomat's identity card)
 - *Carte d'identité consulaire*
Consular identiteitskaart
Konsularer Personalausweis
(Consular identity card)
 - *Carte d'identité spéciale — couleur bleue*
Bijzondere identiteitskaart — blauw
Besonderer Personalausweis — blau
(Special identity card — blue in colour)
 - *Carte d'identité spéciale — couleur rouge*
Bijzondere identiteitskaart — rood
Besonderer Personalausweis — rot
(Special identity card — red in colour)
 - *Certificat d'identité pour les enfants âgés de moins de cinq ans des étrangers privilégiés titulaires d'une carte d'identité diplomatique, d'une carte d'identité consulaire, d'une carte d'identité spéciale — couleur bleue ou d'une carte d'identité — couleur rouge*
Identiteitsbewijs voor kinderen, die de leeftijd van vijf jaar nog niet hebben bereikt, van een bevoorrecht vreemdeling dewelke houder is van een diplomatieke identiteitskaart, consulaire identiteitskaart, bijzondere identiteitskaart — blauw of bijzondere identiteitskaart — rood
Identitätsnachweis für Kinder unter fünf Jahren von privilegierten Ausländer, die Inhaber eines diplomatischen Personalausweises sind, eines konsularen Personalausweis, eines besonderen Personalausweis — rot oder eines besonderen Personalausweis — blau

- (Identity card for children, under the age of five, of aliens who are holders of diplomatic identity cards, consular identity cards, blue special identity cards or red special identity cards)
- *Certificat d'identité avec photographie délivré par une administration communale belge à un enfant de moins de douze years*
Door een Belgisch gemeentebestuur aan een kind beneden de 12 jaar afgegeven identiteitsbewijs met foto
Von einer belgischen Gemeindeverwaltung einem Kind unter dem 12. Lebensjahr ausgestellter Personalausweis mit Lichtbild
 (Certificate of identity with photograph issued by Belgian communes to children under 12)
 - List of persons participating in a school trip within the European Union

GERMANY

- *Aufenthaltserlaubnis für die Bundesrepublik Deutschland*
 (Residence permit for the Federal Republic of Germany)
 - *Aufenthaltserlaubnis für Angehörige eines Mitgliedstaates der EWG*
 (Residence permit for EC nationals)
 - *Aufenthaltsberechtigung für die Bundesrepublik Deutschland*
 (Residence permit for the Federal Republic of Germany)
 - *Aufenthaltsbewilligung für die Bundesrepublik Deutschland*
 (Residence authorisation for the Federal Republic of Germany)
 - *Aufenthaltsbefugnis für die Bundesrepublik Deutschland*
 (Residence permit for the Federal Republic of Germany)
- These residence permits only entitle entry without a visa when they are inserted in a passport or issued in connection with a passport as an authorisation replacing a visa. They do not entitle entry without a visa if they are issued instead of a national identity document.
- The document for a deferred expulsion measure '*Aussetzung der Abschiebung (Duldung)*' and the temporary residence authorisation for asylum-seekers '*Aufenthalts-gestattung für Asylbewerber*' does not entitle entry without a visa either.
- Special residence permits issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - *Diplomatenausweis*
 (Diplomat's pass) (red in colour)
 - *Ausweis für bevorrechtigte Personen*
 (VIP pass) (blue in colour)
 - *Ausweis*
 (Pass) (yellow in colour)
 - *Personalausweis*
 (Identity card) (green in colour)
 - Special residence permits issued by the *Länder*:
 - *Ausweis für Mitglieder des Konsularkorps*
 (Pass for members of the consular corps) (white in colour)
 - *Ausweis*
 (Pass) (grey in colour)

- *Ausweis für Mitglieder des Konsularkorps*
(Pass for members of the consular corps) (white with green stripes)
 - *Ausweis*
(Pass) (yellow in colour)
 - *Ausweis*
(Pass) (green in colour)
- List of persons participating in a school trip within the European Union.

GREECE

- *Αδεια παραμονής αλλοδαπού για εργασία*
(Work permit)
 - *Αδεια παραμονής μελών οικογενείας αλλοδαπού*
(Residence permit issued for family reunion)
 - *Αδεια παραμονής αλλοδαπού για σπουδές*
(Residence permit for study purposes)
 - *Αδεια παραμονής αλλοδαπού (χρώμα λευκό)*
(Alien's residence permit) (white)
(This document is issued to aliens who are married to Greek nationals; it is valid for one year and can be extended for as long as the marriage lasts.)
 - *Δελτίο ταυτότητας αλλοδαπού (χρώμα πράσινο)*
(Alien's identity card) (green)
(This document is issued only to aliens of Greek origin; it is valid for two to five years.)
 - *Ειδικό Δελτίο Ταυτότητας Ομογενούς (χρώμα μπεζ)*
(Special identity card for persons of Greek origin) (beige)
(This document is issued to Albanian nationals of Greek origin; it is valid for three years. This card is also issued to their spouses and descendants of Greek origin, regardless of nationality, provided there is official documentation of some kind to prove their family ties.)
- List of persons participating in a school trip within the European Union.

SPAIN

Holders of a valid re-entry authorisation will be allowed entry without a visa.

Residence permits entitling aliens who for reasons of nationality, would normally be subject to a visa requirement to enter Spanish territory without a visa are as follows:

- *Permiso de Residencia Inicial*
(Initial residence permit)
- *Permiso de Residencia Ordinario*
(Ordinary residence permit)
- *Permiso de Residencia Especial*
(Special residence permit)
- *Tarjeta de Estudiante*
(Student card)

- *Permiso de Residencia tipo A*
(Type A residence permit)
- *Permiso de Residencia tipo b*
(Type b residence permit)
- *Permiso de Trabajo y de Residencia tipo B*
(Type B work and residence permit)
- *Permiso de Trabajo y de Residencia tipo C*
(Type C work and residence permit)
- *Permiso de Trabajo y de Residencia tipo d*
(Type d work and residence permit)
- *Permiso de Trabajo y de Residencia tipo D*
(Type D work and residence permit)
- *Permiso de Trabajo y de Residencia tipo E*
(Type E work and residence permit)
- *Permisa de Trabajo fronterizo tipo F*
(Type F border work permit)
- *Permisa de Trabajo y Residencia tipo P*
(Type P work and residence permit)
- *Permisa de Trabajo y Residencia tipo Ex*
(Type Ex work and residence permit)
- *Tarjeta de Reconocimiento de la excepción a la necesidad de obtener Permiso de Trabajo y Permiso de Residencia (art. Ley 7/85)*
(Pass recognising exemption from the need to obtain a work and residence permit — Article 16 Law 7/85)
- *Permiso de Residencia para Refugiados*
(Residence permit for refugees)
- *Lista de personas que participan en un viaje escolar dentro de la Unión Europea*
(List of persons participating in a school trip within the European Union)
- *Tarjeta de Familiar Residente Comunitario*
(Pass for relatives of a Community resident)

- *Tarjeta temporal de Familiar de Residente Comunitario* (Temporary pass for relatives of a Community resident)

The holders of the following valid accreditation cards issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs may enter without a visa:

- *Tarjeta especial* (Special pass, red in colour), on the cover it reads '*Cuerpo Diplomático. Embajador. Documento de Identidad*' (Diplomatic corps. Ambassador. Identity document), issued to accredited ambassadors;
- *Tarjeta especial* (Special pass, red in colour), on the cover it reads '*Cuerpo Diplomático. Documento de Identidad*' (Diplomatic corps. Identity document), issued to staff accredited to diplomatic missions who have diplomatic status. An F is added to the document when issued to spouses or children;
- *Tarjeta especial* (Special pass, yellow in colour), on the cover it reads '*Misiones Diplomáticas. Personal Administrativo y Técnico. Documento de Identidad*' (Diplomatic missions. Administrative and technical staff. Identity document), issued to administrative officials at accredited diplomatic missions. An F is added to the document when issued to spouses or children;
- *Tarjeta especial* (Special pass, red in colour), on the cover it reads '*Tarjeta Diplomática de Identidad*' (Diplomatic identity card), issued to staff with diplomatic status at the office of the League of Arab Nations and to staff accredited to the office of the Palestinian General Mission (*Oficina de la Delegación General*). An F is added to the document when issued to spouses or children;
- *Tarjeta especial* (Special pass, red in colour), on the cover it reads '*Organismos Internacionales. Estatuto Diplomático. Documento de Identidad*' (International organisations. Diplomatic status. Identity document), issued to staff with diplomatic status accredited to International Organisations. An F is added to the document when issued to spouses or children;
- *Tarjeta especial* (Special pass, blue in colour), on the cover it reads '*Organismos Internacionales. Personal Administrativo y Técnico. Documento de Identidad*' (International organisations. Administrative and technical staff. Identity document), issued to administrative officials accredited to international organisations. An F is added to the document when issued to spouses or children;
- *Tarjeta especial* (Special pass, green in colour), on the cover it reads '*Funcionario Consular de Carrera. Documento de Identidad*' (Career consular official. Identity document), issued to career consular officials accredited in Spain. An F is added to the document when issued to spouses or children;
- *Tarjeta especial* (Special pass, green in colour), entitled '*Empleado Consular. Emitido a.... Documento de Identidad*' (Consular employee. Issued on behalf of... Identity

document), issued to consular administrative officials accredited in Spain. An F is added to the document when issued to spouses or children;

- *Tarjeta especial* (Special pass, grey in colour), entitled '*Personal de Servicio. Misiones Diplomáticas, Oficinas Consulares y Organismos Internacionales. Emitido a.... Documento de Identidad*' (Service duty staff. Diplomatic missions, consular posts and international organisations. Issued on behalf of... Identity document). This is issued to staff working in the domestic service of diplomatic missions, consular posts and international organisations (service duty staff) and staff with career diplomatic or consular status (special servants). An F is added to the document when issued to spouses or children.

FRANCE

1. Adult aliens should be in possession of the following documents:

- *Carte de séjour temporaire comportant une mention particulière qui varie selon le motif du séjour autorisé*
(A temporary residence permit containing particular details which will vary in accordance with the grounds for the authorised stay)
 - *Carte de résident*
(Resident's card)
 - *Certificat de résidence d'Algérien comportant une mention particulière qui varie selon le motif du séjour autorisé (1 an, 10 ans)*
(Algerian residence certificate marked according to the grounds for the authorised stay) (1 year, 10 years)
 - *Certificat de résidence d'Algérien portant la mention 'membre d'un organisme officiel' (2 ans)*
(Algerian residence certificate marked 'member of an official organisation') (2 years)
 - *Carte de séjour des Communautés européennes (1 an, 5 ans, 10 ans)*
(European Communities residence permit) (1 year, 5/10 years)
 - *Carte de séjour de l'Espace Economique Européen*
(European Economic Area residence permit)
 - *Cartes officielles valant de titre de séjour, délivrées par le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères*
(Official permits with the same status as residence permits issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- (a) *Cartes diplomatiques* (diplomatic permits)
- *Carte portant la mention 'corps diplomatique' délivrée aux chefs de mission diplomatique (couleur blanche)*
(Permit with the heading 'diplomatic corps' issued to heads of diplomatic missions) (white)

- *Carte portant la mention 'corps diplomatique' délivrée au personnel des représentations diplomatiques accréditées en France (couleur orange)*
(Permit with the heading 'diplomatic corps' issued to staff at accredited diplomatic missions in France) (orange)
- *Carte portant la mention 'organisations internationales' et en deuxième page 'assimilé à un chef de mission diplomatique' (couleur blanche)*
(Permit with the heading 'international organisations' and on the second page 'comparable to a head of a diplomatic mission') (white)
- *Carte portant la mention 'organisations internationales' et en deuxième page 'assimilé à un membre de mission diplomatique' (couleur bleue)*
(Permit with the heading 'international organisations' and on the second page 'comparable to a member of a diplomatic mission') (blue).

(b) *Cartes spéciales* (special permits)

- *Carte spéciale portant la mention 'carte consulaire' délivrée aux fonctionnaires des postes consulaires (couleur verte)*
(Special permit with the heading 'consular permit' issued to officials at consular posts) (green)
- *Carte spéciale portant la mention 'organisations internationales' délivrée aux fonctionnaires internationaux des organisations situées en France (couleur verte)*
(Special permit with the heading 'international organisations' issued to foreign officials of international organisations based in France) (green)
- *Carte spéciale portant la mention 'carte spéciale' délivrée au personnel administratif et technique, de nationalité étrangère, des missions diplomatiques et consulaires et des organisations internationales (couleur beige)*
(Special permit with the heading 'special permit' issued to foreign administrative and technical staff working in diplomatic missions, consular posts or international organisations) (beige)
- *Carte spéciale portant la mention 'carte spéciale' délivrée au personnel de service, de nationalité étrangère, des missions diplomatiques et des postes consulaires, et des organisations internationales (couleur grise)*
(Special permit with the heading 'special permit' issued to foreign service staff working in diplomatic missions, consular posts or international organisations) (grey)
- *Carte spéciale portant la mention 'carte spéciale' délivrée au personnel privé, de nationalité étrangère, au service des agents diplomatiques ou assimilés, des fonctionnaires consulaires, et des fonctionnaires internationaux (couleur grise)*
(Special permit with the heading 'special permit' issued to foreign private staff working for diplomatic officials or comparable officials, consular officials and international officials) (grey)

- *Carte spéciale portant la mention 'carte spéciale' délivrée au personnel étranger en mission officielle et de statut particulier (couleur bleu-gris)*
Special permit with the heading 'special permit' issued to foreign staff on an official mission or with special status) (blue-grey)

2. Aliens who are minors should be in possession of the following documents:

- *Document de circulation pour étrangers mineurs*
(Travel document for alien minors)
- *Visa de retour (sans condition de nationalité et sans présentation du titre de séjour, auquel ne sont pas soumis les enfants mineurs)*
(Return visas) (alien minors are not subject to nationality conditions or to production of residence permits)
- *Passeport diplomatique/de service/ordinaire des enfants mineurs des titulaires d'une carte spéciale du Ministère des Affaires étrangères revêtu d'un visa de circulation*
(Diplomatic/service/ordinary passposts for minors who are children of holders of a special pass issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to which a travel visa is affixed)

NB: It should be noted that acknowledgements of first-time applications for residence permits are not valid. In contrast, acknowledgements of requests to renew residence permits, or to amend permits are considered valid, when these are accompanied by the old permit.

The 'certificate of duty' issued at the discretion of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, does not constitute a replacement for a residence permit. Holders must also be in possession of one of the ordinary law residence permits (1 – 6 in the list).

3. List of persons participating in a school trip within the European Union.

ITALY

- *Carta di soggiorno (validità illimitata)*
(Residence permit) (unlimited validity)
- *Permesso di soggiorno con esclusione delle sottoelencate tipologie:*
(Residence permit with the exception of the following:)
- 1. *Permesso di soggiorno provvisorio per richiesta asilo politico ai sensi della Convenzione di Dublino*
(Provisional residence permit for political asylum seekers pursuant to the Dublin Convention)
- 2. *Permesso di soggiorno per cure mediche*
(Residence permit for medical treatment)

3. *Permesso di soggiorno per motivi di giustizia*
(Residence permit for legal reasons)
 - *Carta d'identità M.A.E. — Corpo diplomatico*
(Identity card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs — Diplomatic corps)
 - *Carta d'identità — Organizzazioni internazionali e Missioni Estere Speciali*
(Identity card — International organisations and special foreign missions)
 - *Carta d'identità — Rappresentanze Diplomatiche*
(Identity card — Diplomatic representations)
 - *Carta d'identità — Corpo Consolare*
(Identity card — Consular corps)
 - *Carta d'identità — Uffici Consolari*
(Identity card — Consulates)
 - *Carta d'identità — Rappresentanze Diplomatiche (personale amministrativo e tecnico)*
(Identity card — Diplomatic representations (administrative and technical staff))
 - *Carta d'identità — Rappresentanze Diplomatiche e Consolari (personale di servizio)*
(Identity card — Diplomatic and consular representations (official duty staff))
 - List of persons participating in a school trip within the European Union.

LUXEMBOURG

- *Carte d'identité d'étranger*
(Alien's identity card)
- *Autorisation de séjour provisoire apposée dans le passeport national*
(Provisional residence authorisation affixed in national passports)
- *Carte diplomatique délivrée par le Ministère des Affaires étrangères*
(Diplomat's pass issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- *Titre de légitimation délivré par le Ministère des Affaires étrangères au personnel administratif et technique des Ambassades*
(Certificate issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Embassy's administrative and technical staff)

- *Titre de légitimation délivré par le Ministère de la Justice au personnel des institutions et organisations internationales établies au Luxembourg*
(Certificate issued by the Ministry for Justice to the staff of institutions and international organisations based in Luxembourg)
- List of persons participating in a school trip within the European Union.

THE NETHERLANDS

- Documents take the following forms:
 - *Vergunning tot vestiging (Model 'A')*
(Authorisation to settle)
 - *Toelating als vluchteling (Model 'B')*
(Admission document for refugees)
 - *Verblijf voor onbepaalde duur (Model 'C')*
(Residence permit for an indefinite period)
 - *Vergunning tot verblijf (Model 'D')*
(Residence authorisation)
 - *Voorwaardelijke vergunning tot verblijf (Model 'D' bearing the mark 'voorwaardelijk' (conditional))*
(Conditional residence authorisation)
 - *Verblijfskaart van een onderdaan van een Lid-Staat der E.E.G. (Model 'E')*
(Residence permit for EC nationals)
- *Vergunning tot verblijf (in de vorm van een stempel in het paspoort)*
(Residence authorisation (in the form of a stamp in a passport))
- *Vreemdelingendocument with the code 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', F1', 'F2' or 'F3'*
(Document for aliens)
- *Legitimatiebewijs voor leden van diplomatieke of consular posten*
(Identity document for members of diplomatic missions and consular posts)
- *Legitimatiebewijs voor ambtenaren met een bijzondere status*
(Identity document for officials with a special status)
- *Legitimatiebewijs voor ambtenaren van internationale organisaties*
(Identity document for officials of international organisations)
- *Identiteitskaart voor leden van internationale organisaties waarvan de zetel. in Nederland is gevestigd*
(Identity card for members of international organisations with which the Netherlands has concluded a headquarters agreement)

- *Visum voor terugkeer*
(Return visas)
- List of persons participating in a school trip within the European Union.

Comment on indents 1 and 2

The issue of residence documents mentioned under indents 1 and 2 has stopped since 1 March 1994 (the issue of Model 'D' and the affixing of stamps in passports came to an end on 1 June 1994). Documents already in circulation will remain valid until 1 January 1997 at the latest.

Comment on indent 3

Issue of the document for aliens has been effective since 1 March 1994. This document in the form of a credit card will gradually replace the residence authorisations mentioned in indents 1 and 2. The code corresponding to the category of residence will be retained.

The document for aliens marked with the code E will be issued both to EC nationals and to nationals of Contracting States to the European Economic Area Agreement.

Conditional Residence Authorisations are marked with codes F1, F2 or F3.

Comment on indent 7

List of international organisations with office in the Netherlands whose members (including family members) hold identity papers not issued by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

1. European Space Agency (ESA)
2. European Patent Office (EPO)
3. International Tea Promotion Association (ITPA)
4. International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR)
5. Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (ACP)
6. United Nations University Institute for New Technologies (UNU-Intech)
7. African Management Services Company (AMSCO)

AUSTRIA

- *Aufenthaltstitel in Form der Vignette entsprechend der Gemeinsamen Maßnahme der Europäischen Union vom 16. Dezember 1996 zur einheitlichen Gestaltung der Aufenthaltstitel*

(Residence permit in the form of a sticker in accordance with the EU joint action of 16 December 1996 concerning a uniform format for residence permits)

(As from 1 January 1998 residence permits will be issued and extended in this form only. The following will be entered under 'Type of permit': *Niederlassungsbewilligung* (Permanent residence permit); *Aufenthaltserlaubnis* (Residence permit) '*Befr. Aufenthaltsrecht*' (Temporary residence permit).

- *Vor dem 1. Jänner 1998 erteilte Aufenthaltstitel im Rahmen der — auch 'unbefristet' eingetragenen — Gültigkeitsdauer:*

Residence permits issued before 1 January 1998 on the basis of the validity indicated, including unlimited validity:

('Wiedereinreise — Sichtvermerk' oder 'Einreise — Sichtvermerk'; wurden bis 31.12.1992 von Inlandsbehörden, aber auch von Vertretungsbehörden in Form eines Stempels ausgestellt;

Re-entry visas or entry visas issued by the Austrian authorities until 31 December 1992, but also in the form of a stamp by the representing authorities;

'Gewöhnlicher Sichtvermerk'; wurde vom 1.1.1993 bis 31.12.1997 in Form einer Vignette — ab 1.9.1996 entsprechend der VO(EG) 1683/95 — ausgestellt;

(Ordinary visa: issued between 1 January 1993 and 31 December 1997 in the form of a sticker — as from 1 September 1996 in accordance with EU Regulation (EC) No 1683/95)

'Aufenthaltsbewilligung'; wurde vom 1.1.1993 bis 31.12.1997 in Form einer speziellen Vignette ausgestellt.)

(Residence permit: issued between 1 January 1993 and 31 December 1997, in the form of a special sticker)

- *Konventionsreisepaß ausgestellt ab 1.1.1993*

(Travel document, issued as of 1 January 1993)

- *Legitimationskarte für Träger von Privilegien und Immunitäten in den Farben rot, gelb und blau, ausgestellt vom Bundesministerium für auswärtige Angelegenheiten*

(Accreditation pass for the bearers of privileges and immunities in red, yellow and blue issued by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs)

- List of pupils participating in school trips within the European Union

The following are not valid as residence permits and therefore do not entitle the holder to visa-free entry into Austria:

- *Lichtbildausweis für Fremde gemäß § 85 Fremden-gesetz 1997*

(Alien's identity card with photograph pursuant to § 85 of 1997 Aliens Act)

- *Durchsetzungsaufschub und Abschiebungsaufschub nach Aufenthaltsverbot oder Ausweisung*

(Stay of execution and stay of deportation following an exclusion order or expulsion order)

- *Bewilligung zur Wiedereinreise trotz bestehenden Aufenthaltsverbotes, in Form eines Visums erteilt, jedoch als eine solche Bewilligung gekennzeichnet*

(Authorisation of re-entry, despite existing exclusion order, issued in the form of a visa indicating that it is an authorisation of this kind)

- *Vorläufige Aufenthaltsberechtigung gemäß § 19 Asylgesetz 1997, bzw. § 7 AsylG 1991*
(Provisional residence permit pursuant to § 19 of the 1997 Asylum Act or § 7 of the 1991 Asylum Act)
- *Befristete Aufenthaltsberechtigung gemäß § 15 Asylgesetz 1997, bzw. § 8 AsylG 1991, als Duldung des Aufenthaltes trotz abgelehntem Asylantrag*
(Temporary residence permit pursuant to § 15 of 1997 Asylum Act or § 8 of the 1991 Asylum Act, tolerating the stay despite the rejection of the application for asylum)

PORTUGAL

- *Cartão de Identidade (emitido pelo Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros)*
(Identity card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
Corpo Consular, Chefe de Missão
(Consular corps, Head of mission)
- *Cartão de Identidade (emitido pelo Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros)*
(Identity card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
Corpo Consular, Funcionário de Missão
(Consular corps, mission official)
- *Cartão de Identidade (emitido pelo Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros)*
(Identity card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
Pessoal Auxiliar de Missão Estrangeira
(Auxiliary staff working in a foreign mission)
- *Cartão de Identidade (emitido pelo Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros)*
(Identity card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
Funcionário Administrativo de Missão Estrangeira
(Administrative officer working in a foreign mission)
- *Cartão de Identidade (emitido pelo Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros)*
(Identity card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
Corpo Diplomático, Chefe de Missão
(Diplomatic corps, Head of mission)
- *Cartão de Identidade (emitido pelo Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros)*
(Identity card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
Corpo Diplomático, Funcionário de Missão
(Diplomatic corps, mission official)
- *Título de Residência (1 Ano)*
(Residence permit — one year)
- *Título de Residência Anual (1 Ano)*
(Annual residence permit — one year)
- *Título de Residência Anual (cor de laranja)*
(Annual residence permit — orange in colour)
Título de Residência Temporário (5 Anos)
(Temporary residence permit — five years)

- *Título de Residência Vitalício*
(Residence permit valid for life)
- *Cartão de Residência de Nacional de Um Estado Membro da Comunidade Europeia*
(National residence permit of an EC Member State)
- *Cartão de Residência Temporário*
(Temporary residence permit)
- *Cartão de Residência*
(Residence permit)
- *Autorização de Residência Provisória*
(Provisional residence authorisation)
- *Título de Identidade de Refugiado*
(Refugee identity document)

CONFIDENTIAL

ANNEX 5**List of visa applications requiring prior consultation with the central authorities, in accordance with Article 17(2)****ANNEX 6****List of honorary consuls authorised, in exceptional cases and on a temporary basis, to issue uniform visas**

In accordance with the decision taken by the ministers and secretaries of State at the meeting of 15 December 1992, all the Schengen States accepted that the following honorary consuls would be authorised to issue uniform visas for the period specified below.

The current Honorary Consul of the Netherlands:

- in Nassau (Bahamas) until one of the Schengen States sets up a representation with career diplomats;
- in Manama (Bahrain), for five years until the entry into force of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement.

A N N E X 7

Reference amounts required for crossing borders fixed annually by the national authorities

BELGIUM

Belgian law lays down general provisions for the verification of adequate means of subsistence, without stipulating any mandatory rules.

The administrative practice is as follows:

— Aliens staying with a private person

Proof of means of subsistence may be furnished by means of a sponsorship undertaking signed by the person accommodating the alien in Belgium and authenticated by the local administrative authority of his place of residence.

The sponsorship undertaking covers the costs of the alien's stay, health care, accommodation and repatriation, should the alien be unable to pay, so as to rule out payment by the public authorities. The undertaking must be signed by a person who is solvent and, if this person is an alien, is in possession of a residence permit or establishment permit.

If necessary, the alien may also be required to furnish proof of personal resources.

If he has no financial credit whatsoever, he must be able to access at least BEF 1 500 for each day of the planned stay.

— Aliens staying at a hotel

If the alien is unable to furnish proof of any credit whatsoever, he must be able to access at least approximately BEF 2 000 for each day of the planned stay.

Furthermore, in most cases, the person concerned must produce a ticket (air ticket) enabling him to return to his country of origin or residence.

GERMANY

Pursuant to Article 60(2) of the aliens act of 9 July 1990 (AuslG), an alien may be refused entry at the border if there are grounds for expulsion.

This is the case if an alien is forced to claim or claims social welfare benefit from the German State for himself, for members of his family staying on German territory or for his dependants (Article 46(6) of the Aliens Act).

Reference amounts have not been fixed for the attention of border control officials. In practice, an amount of DEM 50 per day is generally used as a basic reference. The alien must also have a return ticket or equivalent financial means.

Nevertheless, before the decision not to admit the alien is made, he must be granted the opportunity to produce, in good time and by legal means, the financial means necessary to secure his stay on German territory, namely by presenting:

- a legal guarantee from a German bank,
- a letter of guarantee from the host,
- a telegraphic money order,
- a guarantee deposited with the immigration authorities responsible for the stay.

GREECE

Ministerial Decree No 3011/2/1f of 11 January 1992 fixes the amount of the means of subsistence which foreign nationals — with the exception of nationals of the Member States of the European Community — must have at their disposal if they wish to enter Greek territory.

Pursuant to the abovementioned ministerial decree, the amount of foreign currency enabling foreign nationals of non-Member States of the European Community to enter Greece is fixed at the equivalent of GRD 5 000 in foreign currency per person per day, and a minimum total amount of GRD 35 000.

The amount of foreign currency required per day is reduced by 50 % for minors who are members of the alien's family.

Nationals of non-Community countries which oblige Greek nationals to change currency at the borders are also subject to this obligation on the principle of reciprocity.

SPAIN

Aliens must prove that they have adequate means of subsistence. The minimum amount is given below:

(a) for the costs of their stay in Spain: ESP 5 000, or the equivalent in foreign currency, multiplied by the planned number of days of the stay in Spain and by the number of family members travelling with the person concerned. Regardless of the planned duration of the stay, the minimum amount for which he must provide proof must always be ESP 50 000 per person.

(b) for their return to the State of provenance or for transit via third States: the personal, untransferable and fixed-date ticket or tickets for the planned means of transport.

Aliens must prove that they have the above means of subsistence either by producing them if they are in cash, or by producing certified cheques, traveller's cheques, receipts, letters of credit or a bank certificate confirming the existence of these means. Failing these documents, any other supporting documents recognised by the Spanish border police authorities may be produced.

FRANCE

The reference amount for the adequate means of subsistence for the planned duration of an alien's stay or for his transit via France to a destination in a third State is equal to the amount of the guaranteed minimum wage in France (SMIC) calculated daily on the basis of the rate fixed on 1 January of the current year.

This amount is regularly reassessed on the basis of the French cost of living index:

- automatically whenever the retail price index rises more than 2 %,
- by a governmental decision — after consultation with the national commission for collective bargaining — to grant a rise higher than the rise in the retail price index.

As of 1 July 1998, the daily amount of the SMIC (minimum wage) is FRF 302.

Holders of an accommodation certificate must possess a minimum amount of money, equivalent to half the SMIC, in order to stay in France. This amount is therefore FRF 151 per day.

ITALY

A precise amount has never been fixed for the means of subsistence of which non-Community nationals wishing to stay in Italy must provide proof to the border control authorities, despite the fact that these means of subsistence are given a general mention in Article 3(5) of Law No 39 of 28 February 1990 on the 'Urgent standards for matters of political asylum, entry and stay for non-Community nationals and for matters governing the stay of non-Community nationals and stateless persons already on national territory'.

In fact, it is at the discretion of border control officials to assess whether the alien has adequate financial means. This assessment is based on the duration of and reason for the stay, on the alien's nationality (so as to determine whether the alien belongs to a State which is sensitive in terms of immigration), on the alien's personal circumstances and on the mode of transport used.

The alien may prove that he has the necessary financial means by producing cash, credit cards or other evidence of credit (e.g. traveller's cheques).

Pursuant to Article 3(6) of the abovementioned law, the alien is not deemed to be without means of subsistence if he is able to submit documents certifying that he has property in Italy or that he has an occupation with a regular income there (e.g. work permit) or that an institution, company or private person has promised to guarantee his accommodation or subsistence and his return home.

Failing any of the above, the alien must always have a return ticket or, at least, equivalent funds (including the money necessary to return home plus the amount considered necessary to cover his expenses during his stay).

LUXEMBOURG

The law of Luxembourg does not provide for any reference amount for border controls. The official carrying out the control decides on a case-by-case basis whether an alien approaching the border has adequate means of subsistence. To this end, the official takes into account the purpose of the stay and the type of accommodation.

THE NETHERLANDS

The amount which border control officials take as a basis when verifying means of subsistence is currently NLG 75 per person per day.

The application of this criterion is flexible since the required amount of the means of subsistence is determined on the basis of the planned duration of the stay, the reason for the visit and the personal circumstances of the person concerned.

AUSTRIA

Pursuant to § 32(2) Z 3 of the law on aliens, aliens shall be turned away at the border if they have no place of residence in Austria and do not have sufficient means of subsistence to meet the costs of their stay and return.

However, there are no reference amounts for the above. Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis depending on the purpose, type and duration of the stay. Cash and — depending on the circumstances of the individual case — traveller's cheques, credit cards, bank guarantees or letters of guarantee from solvent persons living in Austria may be accepted as proof.

PORTUGAL

Aliens must be in possession of the following amounts if they wish to enter or stay in Portugal:

- PTE 15 000 — for each entry;
- PTE 8 000 — for each day spent on the territory.

Aliens who are able to prove that their board and lodging are guaranteed for the duration of their stay may be exempted from paying the above amounts.

A N N E X 8

UNIFORM FORMAT FOR VISA-STICKERS AND INFORMATION ON THEIR TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND SECURITY FEATURES

The technical specifications and security features contained in Council Regulation (EC) No 1683/95 laying down a uniform format for visas have been in force since 7 September 1996.

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1683/95 of 29 May 1995 laying down a uniform format for visas

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, in particular Article 100c(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas Article 100c(3) of the Treaty requires the Council to adopt measures relating to a uniform format for visas before 1 January 1996;

Whereas the introduction of a uniform format for visas is an important step towards the harmonisation of visa policy; whereas Article 7a of the Treaty stipulates that the internal market shall comprise an

area without internal frontiers in which the free movement of persons is ensured in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty; whereas this step is also to be regarded as forming a coherent whole with measures falling within Title VI of the Treaty on European Union;

Whereas it is essential that the uniform format for visas should contain all the necessary information and meet very high technical standards, notably as regards safeguards against counterfeiting and falsification; whereas it must also be suited to use by all the Member States and bear universally recognisable security features which are clearly visible to the naked eye;

Whereas this regulation only lays down such specifications as are not secret; whereas these specifications need to be supplemented by further specifications

which must remain secret in order to prevent counterfeiting and falsification and which may not include personal data or references to such data; whereas powers to adopt further specifications should be conferred on the Commission;

Whereas, to ensure that the information referred to is not made available to more persons than necessary, it is also essential that each Member State should designate not more than one body having responsibility for printing the uniform format for visas, with Member States remaining free to change the body, if need be; whereas, for security reasons, each Member State must communicate the name of the competent body to the Commission and the other Member States;

Whereas, to be effective, this regulation should apply to all visas covered by Article 5; whereas Member States should be free also to use the uniform visa format for visas which can be used for purposes other than those covered by Article 5 provided differences visible to the naked eye are incorporated to make confusion with the uniform visa impossible;

Whereas, with regard to the personal data to be entered on the uniform format for visas in accordance with the annex hereto, compliance should be ensured with Member States' data-protection provisions as well as with the relevant Community legislation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Visas issued by the Member States in conformity with Article 5 shall be produced in the form of a uniform format (sticker). They shall conform to the specifications set out in the annex.

Article 2

Further technical specifications which render the visa difficult to counterfeit or falsify shall be laid down in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 6.

Article 3

1. The specifications referred to in Article 2 shall be secret and not be published. They shall be made available only to bodies designated by the Member States as responsible for printing and to persons duly authorised by a Member State or the Commission.

2. Each Member State shall designate one body having responsibility for printing visas. It shall communicate the name of that body to the Commission and the other Member States. The same body may be designated by two or more Member States for this purpose. Each Member State shall be entitled to change its designated body. It shall inform the Commission and the other Member States accordingly.

Article 4

1. Without prejudice to the relevant more extensive provisions concerning data protection, an individual to whom a visa is issued shall have the right to verify the personal particulars entered on the visa and, where appropriate, to ask for any corrections or deletions to be made.

2. No information in machine-readable form shall be given on the uniform format for visas unless it also appears in the boxes described in points 6 to 12 of the annex, or unless it is mentioned in the relevant travel document.

Article 5

For the purposes of this regulation a 'visa' shall mean an authorisation given by or a decision taken by a Member State which is required for entry into its territory with a view to:

- an intended stay in that Member State or in several Member States of no more than three months in all;
- transit through the territory or airport transit zone of that Member State or several Member States.

Article 6

1. Where reference is made to the procedure defined in this article, the following provisions shall apply.

2. The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

The representative of the Commission shall submit to the committee a draft of the measures to be taken. The committee shall deliver its opinion on the draft within a time limit which the chairman may lay down according to the urgency of the matter. The opinion shall be delivered by the majority laid down in Article 148(2) of the Treaty in the case of decisions which the Council is required to adopt on a proposal from the Commission. The votes of the representatives of the Member States within the committee shall be weighted in the manner set out in that article. The chairman shall not vote.

3. (a) The Commission shall adopt the measures envisaged if they are in accordance with the opinion of the committee.

(b) If the measures envisaged are not in accordance with the opinion of the committee, or if no opinion is delivered, the Commission shall, without delay, submit to the Council a proposal relating to the measures to be taken. The Council shall act by a qualified majority.

If, on the expiry of a period of two months, the Council has not acted, the proposed measures shall be adopted by the Commission, save where the Council has decided against the said measures by a simple majority.

Article 7

Where Member States use the uniform visa format for purposes other than those covered by Article 5, appropriate measures must be taken to ensure that confusion with the visa referred to in Article 5 is not possible.

Article 8

This regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 1 shall become applicable six months after the adoption of the measures referred to in Article 2.

This regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 May 1995.

For the Council

The President

H. de CHARETTE

ANNEX



Security features

1. A sign consisting of nine ellipses in a fan-shape shall appear in this space.
2. An optically variable mark ('kinegram' or equivalent) shall appear in this space. Depending on the angle of view, 12 stars, the letter 'E' and a globe become visible in various sizes and colours.
3. The logo consisting of a letter or letters indicating the issuing Member State (or 'BNL' in the case of the Benelux countries, namely Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands) with a latent image effect shall appear in this space. This logo shall appear light when held flat and dark when turned by 90°. The following logos shall be used: A for Austria, BNL for Benelux, D for Germany, DK for Denmark, E for Spain, F for France, FIN for Finland, GR for Greece, I for Italy, IRL for Ireland, P for Portugal, S for Sweden, UK for the United Kingdom.
4. The word 'visa' in capital letters shall appear in the middle of this space in optically variable colouring. Depending on the angle of view, it shall appear green or red.
5. This box shall contain the number of the visa, which shall be pre-printed and shall begin with the letter or letters indicating the issuing country as described in point 3 above. A special type shall be used.

Sections to be completed

6. This box shall begin with the words 'valid for'. The issuing authority shall indicate the territory or territories for which the visa is valid.
7. This box shall begin with the word 'from' and the word 'until' shall appear further along the line. The issuing authority shall indicate here the period of validity of the visa.
8. This box shall begin with the words 'number of entries' and further along the line the words 'duration of stay' (i.e. duration of applicants' intended stay) and again 'days' shall appear.
9. This box shall begin with the words 'issued in' and shall be used to indicate the place of issue.
10. This box shall begin with the word 'on' (after which the date of issue shall be filled in by the issuing authority) and further along the line the words 'number of passport' shall appear (after which the holder's passport number shall appear).
11. This box shall begin with the words 'type of visa'. The issuing authority shall indicate the category of visa in conformity with Articles 5 and 7 of this regulation.
12. This box shall begin with the word 'remarks'. It shall be used by the issuing authority to indicate any further information which is considered necessary, provided that it complies with Article 4 of this regulation. The following two and a half lines shall be left empty for such remarks.
13. This box shall contain the relevant machine-readable information to facilitate external border controls.

The paper shall be pastel green with red and blue markings.

The words designating the boxes shall appear in English and French. The issuing State may add a third official Community language. However, the word 'visa' in the top line may appear in any one official language of the Community.

CONFIDENTIAL

A N N E X 9

**Entries which the Contracting Parties shall write, where necessary,
in the 'comments' section**

CONFIDENTIAL

A N N E X 10

**Instructions on writing entries in the section to be electronically
scanned**

ANNEX 11

Criteria for travel documents to which a visa may be affixed.

The travel documents outlined below shall be considered valid for the purposes of Article 17(3)(a) of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement, provided that they attest to the holder's identity and, in the cases mentioned under (a) and (b) below, the holder's nationality or citizenship and provided that they fulfil the conditions under Articles 13 and 14.

- (a) Travel documents issued in accordance with international rules applied by countries or regional and local bodies recognised by all Member States.
- (b) The passports or travel documents which, although issued by the countries or international bodies not recognised by all Member States, guarantee that the alien will return and provided that the Executive Committee recognises these as valid documents on which to affix the uniform visa (alternatively affixed on a separate sheet) of a joint visa. The unanimous approval of the Executive Committee shall be required for:
 - the list of these passports or travel documents.
 - the list of countries or entities that are not recognised, which have issued documents:

The possible compilation of these lists, which shall only apply to the requirements for implementing the Schengen Convention, shall not prejudice Member State' recognition of countries or regional and local entities that are not recognised.

- (c) Travel documents for refugees, issued in accordance with the convention of 1951 on the Status of Refugees.
- (d) Travel documents for Stateless persons issued in accordance with the convention of 1954 on the Status of Stateless Persons ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Portugal and Austria, although not Contracting Parties to this convention, accept that travel documents issued in accordance with this convention may bear the uniform visa issued by the Schengen States.

ANNEX 12

Fees, in euro, to be charged when issuing uniform visas

A. Airport transit visas	EUR10
B. Transit visas (one, two or multiple entries)	EUR 10
C1. Very short-stay visas (maximum 30 days)	EUR 15—25
C2. Short-stay visas (maximum 90 days)	EUR 30 + EUR 5 from the second entry, when there are multiple entries
C3. Multiple entry visas, valid for one year	EUR 50
C4. Multiple entry visas, valid for max. five years	EUR 50 + EUR 30 for each additional year
D. National long-stay visas	The amount shall be fixed by the Contracting Parties, who may decide to issue these visas free of charge.
— Visa with limited territorial validity	The amount shall be at least equal to 50 % of the amount fixed for Category A, B and C visas
— Visas issued at the border	The amount shall be double that of the category of visa issued. These visas may be issued free of charge.
— Group visas, Categories A and B (5—50 persons)	EUR 10 + EUR 1 per person
— Group visas, Category C1 (30 days), one or two entries (5—50 persons)	EUR 30 + EUR 1 per person
— Group visas, Category C1 (30 days), more than two entries (5—50 persons)	EUR 30 + EUR 3 per person

Rules:

- I. These fees shall be paid in a convertible currency or in the national currency on the basis of the official exchange rates in force.
- II. In individual cases, the amount of fees to be charged may be reduced or may be waived in accordance with national law when this protects cultural interests, in the field of foreign policy, development policy or other areas of vital public interest.
- III. Group visas are issued in accordance with national law, for a maximum of 30 days.

ANNEX 13

Guidelines on how to fill in visa-stickers

Please note: in general, visas can be issued at the earliest three months before they are first used.

AIRPORT TRANSIT VISAS (ATVs)

It is pointed out that only nationals of certain 'sensitive' countries (see Annex 3) are subject to an ATV. ATV holders may not leave the international section of the airport through which they travel in transit.



Example 1

SINGLE-ENTRY AIRPORT TRANSIT VISAS

- Type of visa: ATVs bear the identification code A.
- The single-entry ATV gives access to one country only (France in this example).
- The duration of validity is calculated from the date of departure (e.g. 1.2.2000); the term is established by adding a period of grace of seven days in case the visa holder postpones departure.
- ATVs do not give right to residence, the heading 'residence' should be crossed out with XXX.



Example 2(a)

DUAL-ENTRY (RETURN) ATVs (valid in one country only)

- The return ATV authorises airport transit for both outward and return journeys.
- The duration of the visa's validity is calculated as follows: date of the return journeys + seven days (in the example shown: Return date 15.2.2000).
- If transit is envisaged through one airport only, the name of the country concerned is filled in under the heading 'valid for' (Example 2a). If transit is made exceptionally via two different Schengen countries on the outward and return journeys, the visa is marked 'Schengen States' (see Example 2b below).

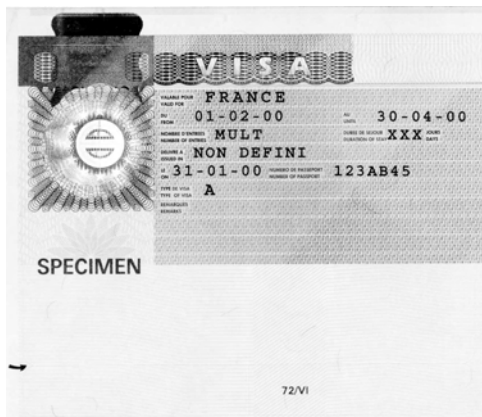


Example 2(b)

DUAL-ENTRY ATVs (valid in several countries)

- 'Schengen States' should be filled in under the heading 'valid for' to enable transit via two airports situated in two different countries.

Example 3



MULTIPLE-ENTRY ATVs (should only be issued in exceptional cases)

- In the case of multiple-entry ATVs (enabling several transits) the term of the visa's validity is calculated as follows: date of first departure + three months.
- For filling in the heading 'valid for', the same rule applies as to dual-entry ATVs.

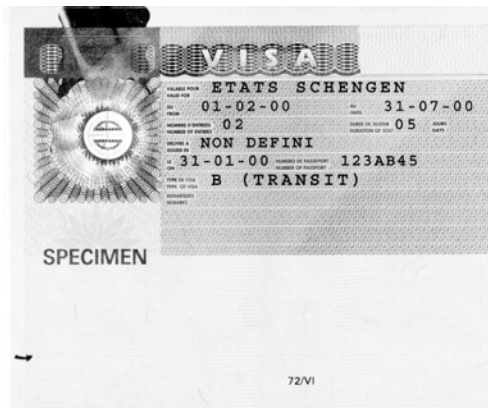
TRANSIT VISAS

Example 4



SINGLE-ENTRY TRANSIT VISAS

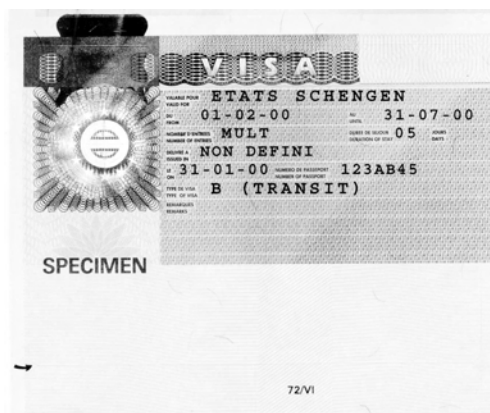
- Type of visa: the transit visa bears the identification code B. It is recommended to add the word 'TRANSIT'.
- The duration of validity is calculated from the date of departure (e.g. 1.2.2000). The term is fixed as follows: date of departure + (five days maximum) + seven days (period of grace in case the visa holder postpones departure).
- The duration of the transit may not exceed five days.



Example 5

DUAL-ENTRY TRANSIT VISAS

- The duration of validity: when the date of different transit journeys is not known, which is generally the case, the period of validity is calculated as follows: date of departure + six months.
- The duration of the transit may not exceed five days.



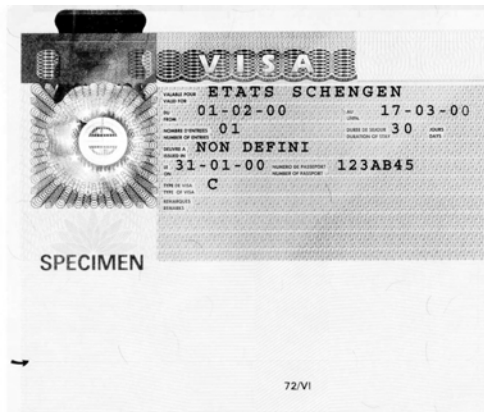
Example 6

MULTIPLE-ENTRY TRANSIT VISAS

- The duration of validity is calculated in the same way as for dual-entry transit visas (see Example 5).
- The duration of the stay may not exceed five days in transit.

SHORT-STAY VISAS

Example 7



SINGLE-ENTRY SHORT-STAY VISAS

- Type of visa: the short-stay visa bears the identification code C.
- The duration of the visa's validity is calculated as follows: from the date of departure (e.g. 1.2.2000). The period is fixed as follows: date of departure + duration of stay + period of grace – 15 days.
- The duration of the stay may not exceed 90 days in any six-month period (30 days in the example shown here).

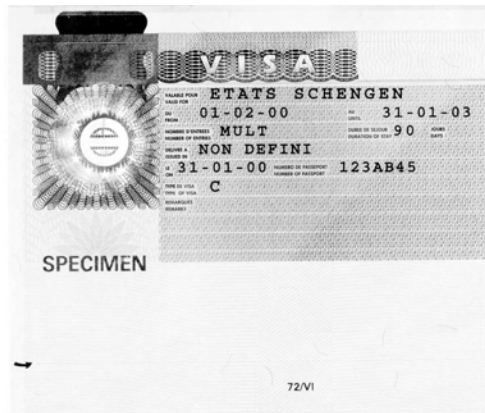
Example 8



MULTIPLE-ENTRY SHORT-STAY VISA

- The duration of validity is calculated from the date of departure + six months maximum on the basis of the documentary evidence provided.
- The duration of the stay may not exceed 90 days in any six-month period (in the example shown here, but the duration may also be less). The duration of the stay is that of the cumulative total of successive stays. This is also based on the documentary evidence provided.

Example 9



SHORT-STAY TRAVEL VISA

- This is a multiple-entry short-stay visa which is valid for over six months or one, two, three years, five years in exceptional cases (e.g. VIPs).

In the example shown here the validity is three years.

- Same rules apply to the duration of the stay as in Example 8 (90 days maximum).

VISAS WITH LIMITED TERRITORIAL VALIDITY (LTV visas)

The LTV visa can be either a short-stay visa or a transit visa.

The limitation of validity may apply to one or to several States.

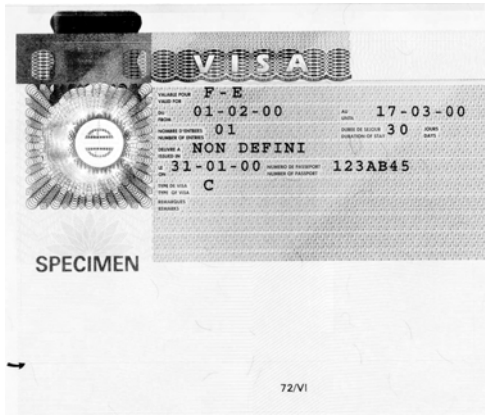
Example 10



SHORT-STAY LTV visas, ONE COUNTRY ONLY.

- In this example, the territorial validity is limited to one country only, i.e. France.
- The short-stay LTV visa bears the identification code C (in the same way as Example 7)

Example 11



SHORT-STAY LTV visas, VALIDITY LIMITED TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES

- In this case, the following country codes indicating the countries for which the visa is valid are filled in under the heading 'valid for': (Austria: A, Belgium: B, France: F, Germany: D, Greece: GR, Italy: I, Luxembourg: L, The Netherlands: NL, Portugal: P, Spain: E. In the case of the Benelux countries: BNL).
- In the example shown, the territorial validity is limited to France and Spain.

Example 12

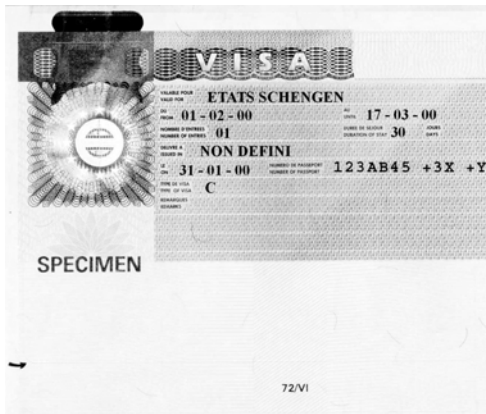


TRANSIT LTV visas, ONE COUNTRY

- The transit visa bears the identification code B under the heading for the type of visa.
- In the example shown, the visa is limited to French territory.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Example 13



- In this case, one or more children and in exceptional circumstances, a spouse travel on one passport.
- If one or more children travelling on the travel document are covered by a visa, under the heading 'passport number', after the passport number, + nX is added, indicating the number of children, and if a spouse is travelling on the passport + Y is added. In the example shown here (single-entry, short-stay visa, with a duration of stay 30 days) the visa is issued for the passport holder, three children and the passport holder's spouse.

VISA ISSUED BY REPRESENTATION

Example 14



The above visa was issued by a consular post of a Schengen State representing another Schengen State.

In this case, under the heading 'Observations', the letter 'R' must be filled in, followed by the country code of the country on whose behalf the visa was issued.

The country codes to be used are as follows:

Austria: A
 Belgium: B
 France: F
 Germany: D
 Greece: GR
 Italy: I
 Luxembourg: L
 The Netherlands: NL
 Portugal: P
 Spain: E

In the above example, the Belgian embassy in Brazzaville issued a visa on behalf of Spain.

SUMMARY						
	'VALID FOR'	'TYPE'	'NUMBER OF ENTRIES'	'FROM' ... 'TO'		'MAXIMUM DURATION OF VISIT' (in days)
Airport transit visas (ATVs)	FRANCE (for example) or SCHENGEN STATES	A	01	Departure date	Departure date + seven days	XXX
			02	Departure date	Date of return + seven days	
			MULT ⁽¹⁾	First departure date	First departure date + number of months authorised (maximum three months)	
Transit visas	SCHENGEN STATES or FRANCE (for example)	B	01	Departure date	Departure date + duration of visit + seven days	XXX or from 1 to 5
			02	First departure date	First departure date + number of months authorised (maximum six months)	
			MULT ⁽¹⁾	First departure date		
Short-stay visas	SCHENGEN STATES or FRANCE (for example)	C	01	Departure date	Departure date + duration of visit + 15 days	from 1 to 90
			MULT ⁽²⁾	First departure date	First departure date + number of months authorised (maximum five years)	

⁽¹⁾ MULT means several trips, thus more than two entries.

⁽²⁾ MULT means several trips, thus more than one entry.

ANNEX 14

Rules and procedures governing information to be sent by Contracting Parties when issuing visas with limited territorial validity, when cancelling, revoking and reducing the duration of a uniform visa's validity and when issuing national residence permits

1. Information when issuing visas with limited territorial validity

1.1. General conditions

In order that authorisation to enter the national territory of Schengen Contracting Parties can be granted, nationals from a third country should generally fulfil the conditions laid down in Article 5(1) of the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement.

If a national from a third country does not fulfil all these conditions, entry or the issue of a visa shall be refused except if a Contracting Party considers it necessary to derogate from this rule for humanitarian reasons, on grounds of national interest, or due to international obligations. In such cases, the Contracting Party concerned may only issue a visa with limited territorial validity (LTV) and must inform the other Contracting Parties (Articles 5(2) and 16 of the Schengen Convention).

The issue of short-stay LTVs is in accordance with the Schengen Convention and the common consular instructions on visas (SCH/II-Visa (93) 11, 6 Rev., 4 corr., Chapter V, point 3) generally subject to the following conditions:

- (a) LTVs are issued by way of exception. The conditions under which this type of visa is issued shall be carefully examined on a case-by-case basis.
- (b) This does not mean that the Schengen Contracting Parties will use and abuse the possibility to issue LTVs; this would not be in keeping with the principles and objectives of Schengen. Given that the number of LTVs being issued will most probably be small, it is not necessary to envisage an automated procedure for informing the other Contracting Parties.

1.2. Rules of procedure

When defining rules of procedure governing the information to be sent by Contracting Parties when issuing LTVs, a distinction shall be made between visas issued by diplomatic and consular representations and visas issued by the border authorities. The rules of procedure in use are as follows:

1.2.1. Issue of visas by diplomatic and consular representations

In general, the rules laid down for the provisional arrangements for consultation with the central authorities (Article 17(2) of the Schengen Convention shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the information procedure used by the other Contracting Parties (see Doc. SCH/II-Visa (94) 7). Where different rules are used, these shall be notified by the Contracting Parties concerned. In general, information shall be sent within 72 hours.

1.2.2. Issue of visas by the border authorities

In this case, information shall be sent within 72 hours to the central authorities of the other Contracting Parties.

1.2.3. The Contracting Parties must designate which contact points should receive this information.

1.2.4. When setting up an automated procedure to enable consultation between the central authorities (Article 17(2), of the Schengen Convention), this shall include a provision ensuring that other Contracting Parties are informed of the issue of an LTV where the LTV is issued as a result of an objection to the issue of a Schengen visa on the part of one (or more) Contracting Party/Parties), in the framework of consultation. Where LTVs are issued in other circumstances, this procedure cannot be used for sending information between States.

1.2.5. The following information shall be sent to the Contracting Parties:

- Surname, first name, and date of birth of visa holder;
- Nationality of visa holder;
- Date and place of issue of LTV;
- Reasons for issuing visas with limited territorial validity;
 - humanitarian reasons,
 - reasons of national interest,
 - international obligations,
 - travel document which is not valid in all Contracting Parties,
 - second issue of a visa within a six-month period,

- in emergencies, there was no consultation with the central authorities,
- the central authorities of a Contracting Party raised objections during consultation.

2. Cancelling, revoking and reducing the duration of validity of a uniform visa

In accordance with the principles adopted by the Committee Executive when cancelling, revoking and reducing the duration of a uniform visa's validity (SCH/Com-ex (93) 24), the following information must be sent to the other Contracting Parties.

2.1. Cancelling visas

Cancelling a Schengen visa aims to prevent persons entering the territory of the Contracting Parties when it transpires after a visa has been issued that these persons do not fulfil the conditions warranting the issue of a visa.

Contracting Parties who cancel a visa issued by another Contracting Party shall generally inform the central authorities of the issuing State within 72 hours.

This notification shall contain the following information:

- Surname, first name, and date of birth of visa holder;
- Nationality of visa holder;
- Type and number of travel document;
- Number of the sticker-visa;
- Category of visa;
- Date and place of visa issue;
- Date and reasons for cancellation.

2.2. Revoking visas

Revoking a visa permits cancellation, even after entry to the territory, of the remaining duration of a visa's validity.

A Contracting Party who revokes a uniform visa shall generally inform the issuing Contracting Party within 72 hours. This notification shall contain the same information as mentioned under point 2.1.

2.3. Reducing the duration of a visa's validity

When a Schengen State reduces the duration of validity of a visa issued by another Contracting Party, it shall generally inform this Contracting Party's central authorities within 72 hours. This notification shall contain the same information as mentioned under point 2.1.

2.4. Procedure

The information sent to the Contracting Party who issued the visa when the duration of a visa's validity is cancelled, revoked or reduced shall generally be sent to the central authority designated by this Contracting Party.

3. Information on national residence permits (Article 25)

Article 25(1) lays down that where a Contracting Party considers issuing a residence permit to an alien for whom an alert has been issued for the purposes of refusing entry, it shall first consult the issuing Contracting Party and shall take account of its interests: the residence permit shall be issued only for serious reasons, in particular of a humanitarian nature or arising from international obligations.

The second subparagraph in Article 25(1) provides that the Contracting Party issuing the alert shall withdraw the alert, but may still put the alien concerned on its national list of alerts.

The application of the provisions mentioned above involves two instances of information transmission between the Contracting Party intending to issue the residence permit and the Contracting Party issuing the alert:

- prior consultation with the Contracting Party issuing the alert to take account of its interests;
- information about the issue of the residence permit, so that the Contracting Party issuing the alert can withdraw it.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 25(2) of the Schengen Convention, the issuing Contracting Party issuing the alert must also undertake consultation if it only transpires *a posteriori*, i.e. after the residence permit has been issued, that an alert has been issued for the purposes of refusing entry to the holder of the residence permit.

In view of the underlying principles of the Schengen Convention, the issue of a residence permit to nationals from a third country for whom an alert has been issued for the purposes of refusing entry by one of the Contracting Parties shall also be limited to exceptional circumstances.

With regard to the consultation referred to in Article 25 of the convention, this action is highly dependent on the functioning of the Schengen information system (SIS). It should be examined if this information could be sent via the forthcoming Sirene procedure.

The rules of procedure outlined in this note shall be re-examined from the point of view of their practical applicability at the latest 12 months after the convention implementing the Schengen Agreement has been brought into force.

ANNEX 15

**Model harmonised forms providing proof of invitation, sponsorship
and accommodation drawn up by the Contracting Parties**

Bundesrepublik Deutschland

VERPFLICHTUNGSERKLÄRUNG
DÉCLARATION DE PRISE EN CHARGE
FORMAL OBLIGATION
D 00000000
 Bundesdruckerei
 Artikel-Nr. 10150
Ich, der/die Unterzeichnende Je, soussigné(e) I, the undersigned

Name / Nom / Surname



Vorname(n) / Prénom(s) / First name

Geburtstag und -ort / Né(e) le/à / Date and place of birth

Staatsangehörigkeit / Nationalité / Nationality

 Identitätsdokument ⁽¹⁾ / Aufenthaltstitel ⁽²⁾ / Document d'identité ⁽¹⁾ / Titre de séjour ⁽²⁾ /
 Identity card ⁽¹⁾ / Residence title ⁽²⁾

wohnhaft in / Adresse / Address

Beruf / Profession / Profession

 Zuständige Behörde
 Autorité compétente
 Competent authority

 verpflichte mich gegenüber der
 Ausländerbehörde/Auslands-
 vertretung, für

 m'engage auprès du service des
 étrangers/de la représentation
 diplomatique à héberger

 take full responsibility towards
 the aliens authority /
 diplomatic representation for
 accommodating

Name / Nom / Surname

Vorname(n) / Prénom(s) / First name

Geburtstag und -ort / Né(e) le/à / Date and place of birth

Staatsangehörigkeit / Nationalité / Nationality

Reisepaß Nr. / Passeport n° / Passport No.

wohnhaft in / Adresse / Address

 Verwandtschaftsbeziehung mit dem Antragsteller / Lien de parenté avec le demandeur /
 Family relationship to applicant

⁽¹⁾
 Art / type / type
 Nummer / numéro / number

 und folgende sie/ihn begleitende Personen, nur Ehegatten ⁽²⁾ / accompagné(e) de son conjoint ⁽²⁾ /
 accompanied by his or her spouse ⁽²⁾
⁽²⁾
 Nur bei seulement applicable
 Ausländern, pour les to foreigners
 Art des étrangers only,
 Titels type de titre type of title

 und Kinder ⁽²⁾ / accompagné(e) de ses enfants ⁽²⁾ / accompanied by children ⁽²⁾
⁽³⁾
 Name / nom / surname
 Vorname / prénom / first name
 Geburtstag / date de naissance / date of
 birth
 Geschlecht / sexe / sex

vom ... an bis zum ... / du ... au ... / from ... to ...

 nach § 84 des Ausländergesetzes
 die Kosten für den
 Lebensunterhalt und nach §§ 82
 und 83 des Ausländergesetzes
 die Kosten für die Ausreise o. g.
 Ausländers/in zu
 tragen.

 et à prendre en charge le coût
 de la vie conformément au § 84
 de la loi sur les étrangers et les
 frais de retour de l'étranger ci-
 dessus conformément aux
 §§ 82 et 83 de la loi sur les
 étrangers.

 and for bearing the living costs
 according to § 84 of the Aliens
 Act and and the departure
 costs of the above foreigner
 according to §§ 82 and 83 of
 the Aliens Act.

Die Verpflichtung umfaßt die Erstattung sämtlicher öffentlicher Mittel, die für den Lebensunterhalt einschließlich der Versorgung mit Wohnraum und der Versorgung im Krankheitsfall und bei Pflegebedürftigkeit aufgewendet werden (z. B. Arztbesuch, Medikamente, Krankenhausaufenthalt). Dies gilt auch, soweit die Aufwendungen auf einem gesetzlichen Anspruch beruhen, im Gegensatz zu Aufwendungen, die auf einer Beitragsleistung beruhen.

Die vorliegende Verpflichtung umfaßt auch die Ausreisekosten (z. B. Flugticket) o. g. Ausländers/in nach §§ 82 und 83 des Ausländergesetzes.

Ich wurde von der Ausländerbehörde hingewiesen auf

- den Umfang und die Dauer der Haftung;
- die Möglichkeit von Versicherungsschutz;
- die zwangsweise Beitreibung der aufgewendeten Kosten im Wege der Vollstreckung, soweit ich meiner Verpflichtung nicht nachkomme, sowie
- die Strafbarkeit z. B. bei vorsätzlichen, unrichtigen oder unvollständigen Angaben (§ 92 des Ausländergesetzes – Freiheitsstrafe bis zu drei Jahren oder Geldstrafe).

Ich bestätige, zu der Verpflichtung aufgrund meiner wirtschaftlichen Verhältnisse in der Lage zu sein.

Behörden- vermerke	Réservé à l'administration	Official remarks	Anschrift der Wohnung, in der die Unterschrift sichergestellt wird, falls abweichend vom gewöhnlichen Wohnsitz des Unterkunftgebers / Adresse du logement dans lequel l'hébergement sera assuré, au cas où il serait différent du logement habituel de l'hébergeant / Address of the lodging where accommodation will be provided, if different from the undersigned's normal address
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Ich bin / j'en suis / I am

☐

Mieter
locataire
tenant

☐

Eigentümer
propriétaire
owner

Arbeitgeber / Employeur / Employer

Sonstige Angaben zu Wohn-, Einkommens- und Vermögensverhältnissen (Größe der Wohnung, Höhe des Einkommens) /
Renseignements complémentaires concernant le logement, les revenus et la situation financière /
Other details of housing conditions, income and financial situation

Gebühren

Der/die Verpflichtungserklärende

Ich versichere, die vorstehenden Angaben nach bestem Wissen und Gewissen richtig und vollständig gemacht zu haben und gehe eine entsprechende Verpflichtung ein.

Ort _____ Datum _____

Unterschrift

Bemerkungen

Beglaubigungsvermerk der Ausländerbehörde/Auslandsvertretung

Die Unterschrift der/des Verpflichtungserklärenden ist vor mir vollzogen worden. Die Beglaubigung der Unterschrift dient nur zur Vorlage bei der deutschen Auslandsvertretung.

Behörde:

Ort _____ Datum _____

Im Auftrag

(Siegel)

Stellungnahme der Ausländerbehörde/Auslandsvertretung

Die finanzielle Leistungsfähigkeit des/der Verpflichtungserklärenden wurde nachgewiesen / glaubhaft gemacht.

Behörde:

Ort _____ Datum _____

Im Auftrag

(Siegel)

République Française**ATTESTATION D'ACCUEIL
NACHWEIS DER UNTERKUNFT
PROOF OF ACCOMMODATION**

F _____

cerfa

n° 10798*01

Document souscrit en application
du décret n° 82-442 du 27 mai
1982
modifié pris pour l'application de
l'article 5 de l'ordonnance
n° 45-2658 du 2 novembre 1945
modifiée relative aux conditions
d'entrée et de séjour des
étrangers en France

Je, soussigné(e) Ich, der/die Unterzeichnende I, the undersigned

nom / Name / name

►

prénom(s) / Vorname(n) / first name

né(e) le/à / Geburtstag und -ort / date and place of birth

nationalité / Staatsangehörigkeit / nationality

document d'identité ⁽¹⁾ ou titre de séjour ⁽¹⁾ / Identitätsdokument ⁽¹⁾ / Aufenthaltstitel ⁽¹⁾ /
identity ⁽¹⁾ or residence document ⁽¹⁾

adresse complète / wohnhaft in / full address

Département, commune
Zuständige Verwaltung
Competent authority

**atteste pouvoir
accueillir:****bescheinige, folgende
Person(en) unterbringen
zu können:****declare being able to
accommodate:**

nom / Name / name

prénom(s) / Vorname(n) / first name

né(e) le/à /geboren am/in / born on/at

nationalité / Staatsangehörigkeit / nationality

passeport n° / Reisepaß-Nr. / passport No.

adresse / wohnhaft in / address

accompagné(e) de son conjoint ⁽²⁾ / und folgende sie/ihn begleitende Personen, nur Ehegatten ⁽²⁾ /
accompanied by spouse ⁽²⁾accompagné(e) de ses enfants ⁽²⁾ / und Kinder ⁽²⁾ / accompanied by children ⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾
type / Art / type
numéro / Nummer / number

⁽²⁾
nom / Name / name
prénom / Vorname / first name
date de naissance / Geburtstag / date of
birth
sexe / Geschlecht / sex

pendant (... jours) entre le ... et le ... / für (... Tage) zwischen dem ... und dem ... / for (... days) from ... to ...
Reisepaß

LA LOI N° 78-17 DU 6 JANVIER 1978 RELATIVE A L'INFORMATIQUE, AUX FICHIERS ET AUX LIBERTES s'applique aux réponses faites sur ce formulaire et garantit un droit d'accès et de rectification pour les données vous concernant auprès de la préfecture.

ARTICLE 21 DE L'ORDONNANCE DU 2 NOVEMBRE 1945 MODIFIEE: toute personne française ou étrangère résidant en France ou sur le territoire d'un autre Etat partie à la Convention de Schengen qui aura, par aide directe ou indirecte, facilité ou tenté de faciliter l'entrée, la circulation ou le séjour irrégulier d'un étranger en France ou sur le territoire d'un autre Etat partie de la Convention de Schengen sera punie d'un emprisonnement de 5 ans et d'une amende de 200 000 F.

ARTICLE 441-5 DU CODE PENAL: le fait de procurer frauduleusement à autrui un document délivré par une administration publique aux fins de constater un droit, une identité ou d'accorder une autorisation est puni de 5 ans d'emprisonnement et de 500 000 F d'amende. Ces peines peuvent être portées à 7 ans d'emprisonnement et à 700 000 F d'amende dans les cas évoqués au 2^{ème} alinéa du même article.

ARTICLE 441-6 DU CODE PENAL: le fait de se faire délivrer indûment, notamment en fournissant une déclaration mensongère, par une administration publique un document destiné à constater un droit, une identité ou une qualité ou à accorder une autorisation est puni de 2 ans d'emprisonnement et de 200 000 F d'amende.

1°/Cas où l'accueil est assuré au domicile principal de l'hébergeant:

adresse: se reporter à celle mentionnée au recto

réservé à l'administration

justificatifs du domicile principal de l'hébergeant:

2°/Cas où l'accueil est assuré au domicile secondaire de l'hébergeant:

adresse complète:

réservé à l'administration

justificatifs du domicile secondaire de l'hébergeant:

L'hébergeant

J'atteste sur l'honneur l'exactitude des renseignements portés ci-dessus.

LU ET APPROUVE,

date et signature

L'autorité publique compétente:

Date:

signature et cachet

Les services de contrôle à l'entrée sur le territoire

date et cachet

L'autorité consulaire

date et cachet

Appendix 2

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COMMON MANUAL

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Appendix 3

The following Executive Committee and Central Group decisions are repealed:

(a) Executive Committee decisions

SCH/Com-ex (93) 4 rev 2 of 14 December 1993
SCH/Com-ex (93) 5 rev of 14 December 1993
SCH/Com-ex (94) 5 of 27 June 1994
SCH/Com-ex (94) 6 of 27 June 1994
SCH/Com-ex (94) 7 of 27 June 1994
SCH/Com-ex (94) 12 of 27 June 1994
SCH/Com-ex (94) 20 rev of 21 November 1994
SCH/Com-ex (94) 23 rev of 22 December 1994
SCH/Com-ex (94) 24 rev of 22 December 1994
SCH/Com-ex (95) 1 of 28 April 1995
SCH/Com-ex (95) 4 of 28 April 1995
SCH/Com-ex (95) 15 rev 2 of 29 June 1995
SCH/Com-ex (95) 22 rev of 20 December 1995
SCH/Com-ex (96) 14 rev of 27 June 1996
SCH/Com-ex (96) 24 of 19 December 1996
SCH/Com-ex (97) 13 of 24 June 1997
SCH/Com-ex (97) 21 of 7 October 1997
SCH/Com-ex (97) 36 of 15 December 1997
SCH/Com-ex (97) 41 of 15 December 1997
SCH/Com-ex (98) 13 of 21 April 1998
SCH/Com-ex (98) 36 of 16 September 1998
SCH/Com-ex (98) 38 corr. of 16 September 1998
SCH/Com-ex (98) 54 of 16 December 1998
SCH/Com-ex (98) 55 of 16 December 1998

(b) Central Group decisions

SCH/C (96) 16 of 12 March 1996
SCH/C (96) 32 of 26 April 1996
SCH/C (96) 40 of 28 May 1996
SCH/C (96) 41 of 23 May 1996
SCH/C (96) 96 of 11 May 1996
SCH/SG (97) 9 of 17 January 1997
SCH/C (97) 95 of 7 July 1997
SCH/SG (97) 79 of 7 October 1997
SCH/Pers (98) 9 rev of 30 March 1998
SCH/SG (98) 25 rev 2 of 31 March 1998
SCH/C (98) 135 of 15 December 1998