FORWARDING OF A LETTER

from : Mr N E SHEINWALD, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the European Union

date of receipt : 30 January 2002

to : Mr Josep PIQUE I CAMPS, President of the Council

Subject : Proposal for a Council Decision adopting an action programme for administrative cooperation in the fields of external borders, visas; asylum and immigration (ARGO)

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter concerning the above-mentioned subject.
The Permanent Representative

29 January 2002

Mr Josep Piqué i Camps
President
Council of the European Union
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Dear President

PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION ADOPTING AN ACTION PROGRAMME FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF EXTERNAL BORDERS, VISAS, ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION (ARGO)

I am writing to you as President of the Council of the European Union with reference to the above-named proposal by the Commission for a Council Decision.

This proposal has been made on the basis of Article 66 of the Treaty Establishing the European Community. Under the Protocol to that Treaty governing the special position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in relation to measures under Title IV, the United Kingdom, if it is to participate in the adoption of such measures must notify the President of the Council in writing that it intends to do so within three months of a proposal or initiative being presented to the Council.

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the United Kingdom's formal notification that it intends to participate in the adoption of this proposal.

I am copying this letter to Adrian Fortescue in the Commission and Charles Elsen in the Council Secretariat.

Nigel Sheinwald

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