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of : Strategic Committee for Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum / Mixed Committee
(EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)

on : 19-20 May 2009

Subject : **Data collection exercise on entries and exits at the external borders for a short period of time**

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

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

The issue was submitted to the Strategic Committee for Immigration, Frontiers, Asylum/Mixed Committee at its meeting of 19-20 May 2009 on the basis of the *outline*, including its timeframe, and the *table*, set out respectively in Annexes I and II to document.9940/09 FRONT 41 COMIX 400.

The Committee concluded that the data collection exercise should take place **from 31 August to 6 September 2009** in accordance with Annex I and Annex II to this document, and that the information collected should be sent to the General Secretariat of the Council **by 12 September 2009**.

OUTLINE FOR THE DATA COLLECTION EXERCISE ON ENTRIES AND EXITS AT THE EXTERNAL BORDERS IN A SHORT REFERENCE PERIOD

1. Categories of persons covered by the data collection exercise

The following categories of persons would be covered by the data collection exercise:

- a) EU citizens and persons enjoying the right of free movement
- b) third country nationals subject to the visa obligation
- c) third country nationals not subject to the visa obligation

2. Length and place of the data collection exercise

The exercise should take place from **31 August to 6 September 2009**. The exercise should in principle be carried out at **all border crossing points (BCPs)** at the external borders. However, for the purpose of avoiding an excessive additional work load, Member States may limit the exercise to the most important/busy border crossing points.

3. Method of work to be used for data collection at BCPs

It is up to the Member State to choose the most appropriate method for the collection of data, based on the use of existing data collecting systems or in another way. It is however necessary that the method used guarantees that exact data are provided. For every BCP a single table sheet should be filled, by use of the form set out in Annex II.

4. Follow-up

Following the data collection exercise, Member States should provide the data gathered for each border crossing point covered by the exercise to the General Secretariat of the Council (email: carina.rosengren@consilium.europa.eu) and to the incoming Swedish Presidency (email: annika.neckman@polisen.se) by use of the form set out in Annex II by **12 September 2009** at the latest.

An assessment of the exercise would be presented on that basis by the Presidency at the first possible meeting of the Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee during the Swedish Presidency.

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Member State	
Name and type of BCP	
From / To	

Part 1

ENTRY	Total persons Air border	Total persons Sea border	Total persons Land border
EU citizens/persons enjoying the Community right of free movement			
Third country nationals not subject to a visa requirement			
Third country nationals subject to a visa requirement			

All persons/Entry			
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Part 2

EXIT	Total persons Air border	Total persons Sea border	Total persons Land border
EU citizens/persons enjoying the Community right of free movement			
Third country nationals not subject to a visa requirement			
Third country nationals subject to a visa requirement			

All persons/Exit			
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