ADDENDUM TO DRAFT MINUTES

Subject: 2664th meeting of the Council of the European Union (JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS), held in Luxembourg on 2 and 3 June 2005

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When finally adopting the "A" items relating to legislative acts, the Council agreed to enter the following in these minutes:

**Item 3. Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement as regards the reciprocity mechanism**

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The Council adopted the above Regulation, with Poland and the Czech Republic voting against. (Legal basis: Article 62(2)(b)(i) of the Treaty establishing the European Community.)

1. **Statement by Poland and the Czech Republic**

"During the JHA Council on 24 February 2005, Poland and Czech Republic entered their reservations to the Draft Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 as regards the reciprocity mechanism. Poland and Czech Republic reiterate this position objecting to this draft regulation in its entirety. Poland and Czech Republic request this statement to be duly noted and become a part of the official record of today's Committee and the Council."

2. **Statement by the Council and the Commission**

"The Council and the Commission stress that the mechanism which is the subject of this Regulation, accompanied where necessary by provisional introduction of the visa requirement for a third country which imposes a visa requirement for nationals from one or more Member States, in no way prevents the application of other provisional measures to such a third country in one or more other fields (particularly political, economic or commercial fields) in accordance with the relevant legal basis or bases in the Treaties if such measures would be deemed an advisable part of the strategy to be implemented to induce the third country to restore visa-free travel for nationals from the Member State or States concerned.

The Council and the Commission consider that, when one or other of the notifications provided for in Articles 1 and 2 of this Regulation occurs, due consideration should be given in the appropriate fora to the advisability of such other measures."
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The Council approved the European Parliament's amendments to the common position. The above Regulation is therefore deemed to have been adopted in the form of the common position thus amended. (Legal basis: Article 71(1)(d) of the Treaty establishing the European Community.)