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NOTE

from : the Slovenian delegation

to : the Schengen evaluation Working Party

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Subject : Schengen evaluation of the new Member States
- SLOVENIA: comments to the report on Sea Borders

Referring to the Sch-Eval Working Party meeting of 18 May 2006, please find hereunder the comments to the sea borders report:

The Committee is of the opinion that the ports of Koper and Piran fulfil the Schengen standards with regard to the number of personnel, the training, the border control procedures, risk analysis and equipment. The infrastructure does, however, not live up to the Schengen standards in the port of Koper. The Committee notes that a new terminal will be built and recommends that the Schengen Evaluation Working Party will be kept informed on the progress of the works and the final result. It is expected that this new infrastructure will be ready by the end of 2006 or beginning of 2007. Only at that moment a correct evaluation can be made of the infrastructure. Controls are currently carried out on board the vessels or on shore which has clearly some disadvantages e.g. in case of bad weather conditions, or when the officer wants to consult the national database.

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Slovenia has already started activities to build a border crossing post at the RO-RO terminal in the Luka Koper. Activities that were already carried out:

- on 1 March 2006, a project was prepared by the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Public Administration;
- by 15 June 2006, an outline project and documentation for the realization of the project were obtained;

Activities to be carried out:

- by 31 July 2006, all construction permits will be obtained;
- by 1 September 2006, public tender for construction works will be closed;
- from 2 October till 15 December 2006 construction works will be carried out;
- on 15 December 2006, a technical takeover will be carried out at the border crossing.

The blue border surveillance is performed by radar surveillance of which the coverage will be extended by linking it to a new additional radar so that it will cover the entire Slovenian coast. The Committee notes that this surveillance is correctly carried out but is faced with one difficulty i.e. the fact that the maritime border between Slovenia and Croatia is not agreed yet.

The Slovenian police carry out protection of the sea border with the Republic of Croatia in order to prevent illegal migrations, cross border crime and other illegal activities. The fact that the sea border between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Croatia is still undefined does not represent any obstacle to efficient surveillance of the EU external sea borders.

Regardless of the fact that the sea border between Slovenia and Croatia has not been yet defined, it is perfectly obvious which part of the northern Adriatic sea is under control of the Slovenian police. Excellent operative cooperation between the Slovenian and Croatian police forces ensures an efficient sea border surveillance.

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The Committee is aware of the current low migratory pressure but underlines the need to closely monitor this situation. The narrowness of the Bay of Piran put special demands on border surveillance and the interception capacity.

Finally, it recommends the following;

- **to inform SCH-EVAL on the increase of personnel which is expected to be completed in 2007, as well as on the progress realised in the construction of the new facilities for border control in the RoRo terminal**
- **to purchase more equipment for first line control,**

For carrying out first line border controls 100 Dönges sets for investigation of falsified documents and 200 Regula hand magnifiers were purchased.

A set to investigate falsified documents contains: a 3M lamp to check a document laminate, a pocket microscope with 30-x magnification and own light source, a folding magnifier with 10-x magnification and metering scale with 1 millimetre as the smallest unit, a stamp pattern, a pocket UV light, and precise rustles antimagnetic metal pincers.

A hand magnifier has 10-x magnification with a millimetre scale, uniform illumination, oblique light and UV light with three wavelengths. By the end of 2006 another 100 magnifiers will be supplied.

The Regula magnifiers were distributed among the three sea border crossings as follows:

MP Koper - 7 pieces,

MP Izola - 2 pieces,

MP Piran - 2 pieces.

The Dönges sets were distributed among the three sea border crossings as follows:

MP Koper - 5 pieces,

MP Izola - 2 pieces,

MP Piran - 3 pieces.

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- **to keep one Police boat in the port of Piran,**
- **to limit the intervention time for the blue border surveillance to a maximum of half an hour,**

As to the purchase plan a new 8 – 10 m long police vessel will be supplied by the end of 2006, with a minimum speed of 45 knots, and equipped with radar and GPS navigation systems. The vessel, kept at the Piran border crossing, will enable police officers to reach any location at the sea border with Croatia in no more than 30 minutes.

- **to send crew and passenger lists directly to the Police.**

The Police shall take relevant measures so that crew and passenger lists will be sent directly to the Koper Maritime Police, competent for carrying out border controls at all sea border crossings in the Republic of Slovenia.

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