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COMIX 488**

NOTE

from:	Portuguese delegation
to:	Visa Working Party
Subject:	Exemption from the visa requirement

In accordance with Article 4(1)(e) and Article 4(2)(c) of Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 of 15 March 2001, the Portuguese delegation wishes to inform delegations of its decision to exempt from the visa requirement holders of laissez-passer issued by NATO to their officials and members of the armed forces travelling on NATO or Partnership for Peace business and holders of identification and movement orders provided for by the Agreement of 19 June 1951 between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation regarding the status of their forces.