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From:	Hungarian delegation
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Subject:	Ministerial Forum for Member States of the Schengen Area with External Land Borders (12-13 May 2016) - Information by Hungary

The Ministers in charge of border management of Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, cooperating within the Ministerial Forum for Member States of the Schengen Area with External Land Borders (“the Forum”), established in Lappeenranta, Finland, in 2013, gathered in Szeged, Hungary, on 12th-13th May 2016, upon the invitation of the Hungarian Presidency of the Forum examined how the states of the Forum should together contribute to strengthening the security of the EU and the Schengen Area.

The Forum adopted a Joint Statement in which the Ministers declared that we should make efforts to contribute to the implementation of the Roadmap „*Back to Schengen*” and in this framework to express our solidarity especially by providing full support to the reinforcement of border management of the external borders of Member States which are facing disproportionate migratory pressures.

The Joint Statement also underlines that carrying out systematic checks of persons enjoying the right of free movement under Union law against databases and the implementation of new proposals on EU Entry-Exit System have an increased financial and operational impact on Member States applying the Schengen acquis at the external borders. The Forum during the Hungarian Presidency will explore how new systems, like the Entry-Exit System and new procedures at land borders could be implemented with the support of additional EU funding.