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NOTE

from : the Swiss delegation

to: the Schengen Evaluation Working Party

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Question Norwegian Delegation:

When will the computing system be adapted with the necessary security standards and accordingly meet the Schengen standards?

If the computing system will not be adapted at the time of Switzerland's entry into the Schengen area, please explain which transitional arrangements will be put in place so as to ensure the necessary security level as regards the visa issuing system?

Question Belgian Delegation

What measures is the Swiss Government willing to take in order to assure the MS that after Switzerland's accession to the Schengen area, the Custom Checks at the borders with the MS will not turn into checks on persons?

What solutions can the Swiss government present to the MS, to minimise the risk of abuse in the EVA system at the DM/CP abroad, by a temporarily and/or later by a more permanent solution?

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Answer of Switzerland to Norway:

Ad. 1: Thanks to efforts taken by the IT-unit of the Federal Department of Justice and Police, additional functionalities will be added to the IT-System EVA release (Electronic Visa Issuance) planned before the full entry into force of the Schengen acquis for Switzerland.

Ad. 2: As a result, Switzerland considers that no temporary measures will be necessary.

Answer of Switzerland to Belgium:

Ad. 1: [The answer to this question will be provided in a separate document]

Ad. 2: These additional functionalities referred to in the answer to question 1 of the Norwegian delegation will fully implement the recommendations of the Evaluation Committee on the prevention of abuse in the EVA system at the DM/CP abroad:

The adapted EVA system will contain two different user profiles. One is a "local staff" profile, the other an "expatriate staff" profile.

With the "local staff profile" users can only register the initial data but not use the button "granting visa" or "refusing visa". The buttons "granting" and "refusing" will appear on the mask of the "local staff" profile, but are inactive for "local staff" users.

Printing the visa after an expatriate staff member has registered the positive visa decision is still possible for local staff.

With the "expatriate staff profile" both negative and positive visa decisions can be registered in EVA. After a decision is registered only the central authorities will be able to modify it.
