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From: Presidency
To: Working Party on Frontiers/False Documents/Mixed Committee
(EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)
Subject: Questionnaire on detection of imposters

In the last couple of years, immigration authorities and border control authorities have witnessed a sharp increase of use of authentic documents abused by unauthorized users – the phenomena of Imposters. Imposters abuse genuine documents to the detriment of security of the Member States. In fact, the phenomenon of Imposters has affected various Member States.

In view of this, it is high time that Member States share their best practices, highlighting what has been done so far to address this phenomenon as well as, the way forward to better detect imposters.

The objective of the Presidency's initiative is to contribute to this phenomenon and to address current challenges, with a view to be more effective in the fight against illegal migration. More specifically, this questionnaire will identify what the Member States are doing to address Imposters, in particular the training that is given, with the aim to highlight and share the best practices among the Member States. The results of the questionnaire will be presented by the Presidency in a Report along with Recommendations.

Delegations are kindly requested to agree to the suggested questionnaire at the meeting of the Working Party on Frontiers/False Documents/Mixed Committee on 2 February 2017 and, on that basis, to fill in the questionnaire and to submit it by **2nd March 2017** to the following e-mail addresses: frontiersfd.mhas@gov.mt, ryan.caruana@gov.mt and klaus-dieter.rudolph@consilium.europa.eu.

I. INTRODUCTORY QUESTIONS

- 1) Is Imposter training offered in your Member State? If Yes, what type of training is offered (for e.g. workshop)?
- 2) By whom is the Imposter training offered? Kindly elaborate your answer. (For example, offered in-house; by a specialized Agency or Institution etc.)
- 3) How long is the Imposter training? Kindly indicate the No. of days or No. of hours.
- 4) To whom is the Imposter training offered to?
- 5) Are law enforcement officials (police, border guards etc.) encouraged to attend trainings provided outside the Member State? If so, kindly indicate the trainings which are attended and where.

II. CONTENT & ASSESSMENT OF THE TRAINING

- 6) Kindly indicate the content & modules of the Imposter training.
- 7) Does the training cater for minor imposters? If so, how?
- 8) Does the training cater for different ethnic groups? If so, how?
- 9) Are any online training tools made use of? If Yes, kindly indicate which ones and the Platform used.
- 10) Is a training manual circulated among the participants? How was this training manual developed?

- 11) Is the training followed by an assessment? If so, what type of assessment is carried out (for e.g. exam-like assessment with questions; real-life simulation etc.)?
- 12) A re-fresher's course is provided every _____ months and/ or _____ Years.
- 13) How often is the Imposter Training revised & updated?
- 14) Do the National Law Courts recognize the trained officer as an expert? If not, kindly elaborate.
- 15) Is face recognition software used? If yes, what systems are used?
- 16) Is there a Standard Operating Procedure which is followed when the border guard identifies an imposter? If yes, kindly elaborate and indicate any difficulties that the Member State faces with such procedure.

III. WAY FORWARD

- 17) Should the training tools be available/ uploaded/ linked to the existing databases like FADO & iFADO?
- 18) How satisfactory is the Imposter training? Kindly rate from 1 to 5 (1 being the most satisfactory and 5 being the least satisfactory).
- 19) How can Imposter training be further improved?
- 20) How can Imposter fraud be reduced (for e.g. by looking at root causes etc.)?