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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Based on the mandate of the Schengen Evaluation Group (SCH/Com-ex (98) 26 def), the Schengen Evaluation Programme 2008-2013 (6949/3/08 REV3) and the overview of programs, participants, technical details for the Schengen evaluations in 2011 (5031/11 and subsequent REV's), experts carried out a Schengen evaluation of the Finnish air borders.

This report was made by the Evaluation Committee and is brought to the attention of the Working Party on Schengen Matters (Schengen Evaluation), which will, after approval, submit a report and the follow-up thereto to the Council.

The Evaluation Committees visited the following sites:

- Airport of Helsinki-Vantaa
- Airport of Tampere-Pirkkala

## 2. MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

The evaluation report on the Finnish air border is based on replies to a questionnaire and additional questions from the Member States provided by the Finnish authorities both before and during the evaluation. The report also reflects the findings of EvalCom from the visit to the airport of Helsinki-Vantaa and the airport of Tampere-Pirkkala.

The EvalCom was able to carry out the programme as agreed.

The Republic of Finland covers an area of 338,145 km<sup>2</sup> and has a population of 5,259,250 with 15, 55 inhabitants/km<sup>2</sup> (the main part of the population concentrated in the southern part of the country).

Its length, one-third of which lies above the Arctic Circle, is 1,160 km N – S; its width is 540 km E – W. The country altogether has the following borders:

- a) 1.340 km towards Russia (external border)
- b) 736 km towards Norway (internal border)
- c) 614 km towards Sweden (internal border)
- d) 1.250 km sea border

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