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NOTE

from :	the Slovak Republic
to :	the Schengen evaluation Working Party
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Response to the additional questions presented by the UK delegation to the Slovak Republic in the document 6359/06 SCHEVAL 17 COMIX 161 is the following:

- **Q35** states “ Police officers perform border control at the railway border crossing points according to the general principles referred to in the common manual” Does this include goods trains? If not, how are these checked?

In the Common manual the control of passenger trains is mentioned, which does not include goods trains. The control of goods trains is always performed at the railway station (not during the journey) in cooperation with Customs authorities and Railway authorities in order to avoid the illegal migration or goods smuggling and it consists of the passport check of the train personnel (crew), control of the locomotive, container wagons, or sealed wagons.

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- **Q54.** Are there any plans for returns agreements with India or Pakistan, where an increased number of illegal migrants come from?

The Slovak Republic has tried to conclude readmission agreements, but the Slovak authorities have not received any response from Indian nor Pakistan authorities yet. Therefore the Slovak republic would welcome any initiative of the European Union when concluding readmission agreements with India, Pakistan or other Asian countries that are countries of origin of many illegal migrants and their return to domicile countries is problematic (e.g. China).

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