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from : the Slovak delegation

to: the Schengen Evaluation Working Party

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With reference to the question presented by the Commission Services concerning border management (doc. 5143/06 SCH-EVAL 7 COMIX 17) the Slovak Republic hereby submits the following answers:

The Bureau of Border and Alien Police of the Presidium of the Police Force (hereinafter referred to as “the bureau“) has begun with a consistent harmonisation of the organisational structure with the requirements and contents of the Schengen Acquis already in 2004. The aim is to create legislative, personnel, administrative and technical pre-conditions for full implementation of the Schengen Acquis which enables to cancel the control at internal borders among the Member States.

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As of 1.1.2004 the Department of Border Police Sobrance has been established under which territorial competence fall all the borders control units of the Police Force at the state border with Ukraine. The whole section of the national border of the Slovak Republic with Ukraine, as the future Schengen border, will be managed from one control centre – the Department of Border Police Sobrance. Since establishment of the Department of Border Police Sobrance till the last organizational change on 1.1.2006, which is the establishment date of the Border Police Directorate/Headquarter Sobrance, the total number of the police officers has increased by 139 more police positions.

The second stage was the strengthening of surveillance inside the country to carry out the activities of Alien Police of the Police Force in a more effective way. 56 divisions and units of Alien Police and Passport service have been merged and following that 20 Divisions of Alien Police have been established. Hereby 3 Asylum Divisions of the Police Force have been established which are deployed nearby the asylum facilities Gbely – Adamov, Opatovská Nová Ves and Vlachy. These 3 Divisions were reinforced by 186 more police positions.

At this stage, existing departments of the Bureau have been strengthen and some missing activities were introduced (such as implementation of Schengen Acquis, management and control of the registry order, the Central Operational Centre, Department of investigation of Major Crime, change of character, abolition and establishment of border crossing points, implementation of visa policy of the Slovak Republic and activities connected to detection of forged and fraudulent documents, etc.). The Bureau has to perform these duties within the line management of internal and external border protection.

At the same time 8 Departments of Border and Alien Police have been abolished (Bratislava, Trnava, Trenčín, Nitra, Žilina, Banská Bystrica, Prešov, Košice) and 4 Headquarters of Border and Alien Police have been established: Bratislava, Nitra, Banská Bystrica and Prešov.

By the reorganisation the number of the operative units at future internal borders has been reduced and thereby the territory and operation range of the Headquarters of Border and Alien Police were enlarged.

Personnel at the established Headquarters as well as the strengthening of the Bureau of Border and Alien Police of the Presidium of the Police Force, Divisions of Alien Police of the Police Force and Department of Border Police Sobrance, has been solved within own personnel resources of the service of Border and Alien Police.

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The last but one stage of the Bureau was the establishment of 28 basic units on 1.1.2006 – the Units of Border Police of the Police Force at the future internal borders among the Member States. Herewith a basis for future mobile units has been created with a capacity of 1.772 police positions.

From start of the organizational structure harmonisation, i.e. from 1.1.2004 to 1.1.2006 (till the last organizational changes) the Bureau was redeploying from basic units 811 police positions that are deployed at future internal borders.

124 police positions have been redeployed in favour of other forces of the Presidium of the Police Force. 687 police positions have been redeployed within the Bureau of Border and Alien Police with an aim to create the conditions for full implementation of Schengen Acquis and accomplishment of European standards.

Nowadays, i.e. as of 1.1.2006 the total number of the police officers who are employed within the units of future internal borders is 1.772.

The last redeployment of the police positions will be carried out after the border control at internal borders is abolished.

The most of the police officers will further perform their duties in the field of state border patrolling. The international airports and the Police Detention Units for Alien will be strengthen.

At the same time the last increase in the number of police positions at the Headquarter of Border Police Sobrance and its Divisions of Border Control of the Police Force by 180 police positions. It is not possible to determine exactly this number whereas it depends on the technical solution of the protection of the state border with Ukraine.