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NOTE

from : the Presidency
to: the Schengen Evaluation Working Party

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1. The Schengen Evaluation Working Party submits the following comments to Council to conclude on the follow up to the Schengen evaluation of Italy. The Council is invited to take note of this assessment.
2. In the course of 2004, an evaluation took place of the application of the Schengen acquis by Italy concerning border controls with non-Schengen neighbours, as well as police cooperation with neighbouring (Schengen) countries, visa issuance, the use of SIS and the SIRENE bureaux and data protection.
3. The Council already concluded that Italy plays a key role because of its geographical location (southern border of the Schengen area).

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4. Italy has kept the Schengen Evaluation Working Party informed of the measures it has implemented to remedy the weaknesses and deficiencies which were detected. This follow-up can be found in doc. 8805/2/06 REV 2 SCHEVAL 76 COMIX 405 RESTREINT and in additional information the Italian delegation was asked to provide to the Schengen Evaluation Working Party.
5. The Council takes note of the efforts Italy is making in applying the recommendations for the correct application of the Schengen acquis.

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