



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



**2752nd JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS Council meeting  
Luxembourg, 5 and 6 October 2006**

**Council Conclusions on  
the SIS II and the SIS 1+**

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"The Council

with respect to the SIS II :

1. *considers* that the revised implementation schedule for the SIS II, which is contained in Commission staff working document 12379/06 SIRIS 158, seems to be feasible and realistic. According to the revised schedule, the SIS II would be operational for the Member States currently participating in the SIS 1+ by June 2008, allowing the integration of the Member States not yet participating in the SIS 1+.
2. *confirms* the revised schedule, and at the same time instructs the relevant Council working groups and Commission bodies to do their utmost to have the SIS II operational at the earliest possible opportunity. The Council reaffirms that the development of the SIS II remains the absolute priority.
3. *agrees* to prolong the Commission mandate to develop the SIS II beyond 31 December 2006 and also to clarify the mandate so as to make it clear that the technical integration of the new Member States into the SIS II is included in the mandate.

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4. *agrees* to set up an informal Task Force, consisting of experts seconded by interested Member States, to assist the work of the Council, in co-operation with the Commission, on the management and coordination of the SIS II project, including the state of preparedness of all Member States. The Council invites all the stakeholders in the SIS II project to co-operate fully with the Task Force. The Council invites the Presidency and the Commission to agree on the practical arrangements for the Task Force as soon as possible.

with respect to the SIS 1+:

5. *welcomes* the Portuguese proposal which could make it possible to integrate the new Member States in the SIS1+ and agrees *with* the elements contained in document 12583/06 SIS-TECH 93 COMIX 724.
6. *invites* the relevant working groups to work out all the outstanding technical, financial, legal, organisational and management aspects of the proposal forwarded by Portugal, so as to be in a position to take a final decision at its meeting in December on whether or not to proceed with the integration of the new Schengen States into the SIS 1+.

with respect to the lifting of internal border controls:

7. *invites*, on the basis of the outcome of discussions on having an operational Schengen Information System in place in all Member States as soon as possible, the competent working groups to prepare a feasible and realistic global planning for the lifting of the controls at the internal land, sea and air borders, taking into account also the results of the Schengen evaluations required for permitting the putting into effect of the entire Schengen acquis for the Member States concerned. On the basis of this work, the Council intends to decide in December 2006 on the date or dates for the lifting of those controls and to inform the European Council."

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