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**Subject: Adoption in the official languages of the Communities of the Council
communication concerning the uniform format for residence permits**

1. At its meeting on 15 September 1997 the **Working Party on Visas** agreed to the draft Council communication on the uniform format for residence permits set out in 10683/97 ASIM 173.

2. In the meantime, specimens of the three versions of the European Union uniform format for residence permits have been produced and may be validly used with a view to publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

Since specimens are not at present available from all the Member States, only the Austrian specimen of the self-adhesive vignette version (picture No 1) and specimens from the Kingdom of the Netherlands of card format version ID1 (picture No 2) and ID2 (picture No 3) will be published. The draft communication on which the Working Party agreed has therefore been modified accordingly; the new version is contained in 10683/1/97 ASIM 173 REV 1.

3. **The Permanent Representatives Committee** is invited to agree to this text and to suggest to **the Council** that it:

- adopt under Part A of the agenda for a forthcoming meeting, the communication as it appears in 10683/1/97 ASIM 173 REV 1;
- order its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities, C series.