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NOTE

from : Finnish delegation
to : Visa Working Party
Subject : Airport transit visa arrangements

1. The Finnish delegation hereby informs the Member States that , in accordance with Article 7 of Joint Action 96/... of 4 March 1996 on airport transit visas, Bangladesh and Pakistan have, as of 1 May 1999, been added to the list of countries in the Annex to the Joint Action nationals of which are required to hold airport transit visas. These visas are, therefore, required by nationals of the following countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Ghana, Iraq, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, Sri Lanka and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire).
2. Pursuant to Article 4, Finland has, as of 1 May 1999, waived airport transit visas in the case of nationals of the countries listed in paragraph 1 who are in possession of a valid residence permit issued by the authorities of one of the following countries: the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Ireland, Italy, Austria, Greece, Luxembourg, Portugal, France, Sweden, Germany, Denmark, the United Kingdom and Andorra, Iceland, Japan, Canada, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and the USA.

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