

Executive Committee

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DECLARATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ON THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN ASCERTAINING IDENTITY AND
IN OBTAINING ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

The Executive Committee acknowledges and approves Document SCH/II-Read (97) 7, 2 rev set out in the annex. This document, drawn up by the Sub-Group on Readmission, outlines a number of measures with a view to adopting common positions to deal with the problems encountered in ascertaining the identity of aliens and in obtaining alternative travel documents.

In view of the need to find satisfactory solutions to these problems, the Executive Committee welcomes the measures advocated in Document SCH/II-Read (97) 7, rev 2, which should be finalized by the Sub-Group on Readmission working in close coordination with the working groups concerned.

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NOTE FROM THE PORTUGUESE PRESIDENCY

Subject: List of problems encountered in ascertaining identity and in obtaining alternative travel documents

Seeing that the Contracting Parties consider it expedient to use the information circulating within the EU on the list of problems encountered in ascertaining the identity of nationals of third countries and in obtaining alternative travel documents for this category of persons;

Considering that the Member States of the European Union have agreed to make available to the Sub-Group on Readmission the abovementioned list, set out in the Annex (Doc 11 CIREFI rev 4);

Considering the need for and the advantages of adopting common positions on the most problematic third countries;

The following measures should be considered:

1. Evaluation of results obtained by the Contracting Parties following the measures advocated at the ministerial meeting held at The Hague on 27 June 1996 (Doc. SCH/Com-ex (96) decl 7 rev);
2. Evaluation of the assessments carried out at EU level, with additional information on this subject in respect of Iceland and Norway;

3. Selection, from among the third countries considered most problematic, of a limited number of States with a view to taking practical measures aiming to reduce the difficulties encountered;
4. Coordination with other Schengen groups, especially the Sub-Group on Visas, with a view to adopting specific measures imposing more restrictions on the issue of visas to nationals of problematic countries;
5. Examination of whether it is appropriate to send joint delegations to the selected States considered as most problematic;
6. Examination of whether it is appropriate to conclude readmission agreements between the Schengen States on the one hand, and the third countries considered as most problematic, on the other.