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**To the Ambassadors,
Permanent Representatives of the Member States
to the European Union
(by e-mail)**

Subject: Secondment to the General Secretariat of the Council of a national expert for DG H 3,
Directorate for Police and Customs Cooperation
- Schengen evaluation
Ref.: END/2008/JAI/5

Sir, Madam,

In accordance with the Schengen acquis (SCH/Com-ex (98) 26 def), the new Member States' Accession Treaties and the Hague Programme (16054/04 JAI 559), the Working Party on Schengen Evaluation finalised, in the course of 2008, its work on the entry into force of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in the Member States which joined the EU in 2004.

The French Presidency, in close cooperation with the future Presidencies, has recently developed a proposal for a Schengen Evaluation Programme 2008-2013 concerning the monitoring of the correct application of the Schengen acquis in all the participating States. The programme, which will be used as a basis for planning evaluation activities over the next five years, was approved by the Council on 5 June 2008 (8460/2/08 SCH-EVAL 20 COMIX 305).

It provides on the one hand for the continued evaluation of Bulgaria, Romania, Switzerland and Liechtenstein to ensure that they fulfil all the necessary conditions prior to the full application of the Schengen acquis, and, on the other hand, for the continuation - from January 2009 onwards and at a fairly steady pace - of "classic" evaluations of Member States already applying the Schengen acquis.

It is noted that those evaluations cover checks at external borders, the issue of visas, police cooperation, data protection and the Schengen Information System (SIS).

Several seconded national experts contribute to the effort requested of the General Secretariat of the Council.

In this context there are plans shortly to engage a national expert in Directorate-General H, Directorate 3 (Police and Customs Cooperation, Schengen), to replace a national expert whose secondment ends at the beginning of 2009.

The national expert must have detailed knowledge of fields covered by the Schengen acquis and the evaluation mechanism.

The period of secondment is two years, with the possibility of extension to a maximum of four years in total.

The conditions of secondment, including allowances paid by the Council, are set out in the Council Decision of 5 December 2007 on the rules applicable to national experts and military staff on secondment to the General Secretariat of the Council (OJ L 327, 13.12.2007, repealing Decision 2003/479/EC). According to this Decision, the national expert must be a national of an EU Member State.

Member States are hereby invited to propose candidates qualified for this post.

A Selection Board will be set up within the General Secretariat of the Council (DG H, in cooperation with the Administration) to carry out the selection process from among the proposed experts.

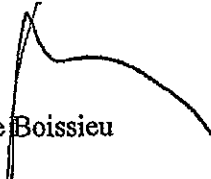
The Selection Board will evaluate the candidates and establish a reserve list in order of merit. The decision to offer a position to an expert is taken by the Appointing Authority based on this list. The General Secretariat of the Council may also decide to use the reserve list established by the Selection Board to cover possible future vacancies of the same profile.

The expert should start work at the General Secretariat of the Council on 1 March 2009.

We should be grateful if you would give details of the national contact point in every candidate's submission. The submission should also include a *curriculum vitae* detailing all posts held up to the present.

Replies to this letter should be forwarded by e-mail no later than 17.00 on 19 November 2008 to the following address: service.recrutement-END@consilium.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,


Pierre de Boissieu

Annex: 1

**Seconded national expert
at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union**

**DG H, Directorate 3 (Police and Customs Cooperation)
Schengen evaluation**

*Ref.: END/2008/JAI/5
(1 post)*

Description of post

A. Tasks

Working in DGH 3 of the General Secretariat of the Council in Brussels.
Under the authority of the head of Unit H 3 B, working with Council officials and other SNEs, the expert will have to perform the following tasks:

- Prepare, as required, the follow-up and development of the Schengen acquis in the following areas: police cooperation, border checks, visas, data protection, Schengen Information System and its communications network.
- Take part in the planning of evaluation missions for Schengen states.
- Take part in evaluation missions and provide the secretariat for them.
- Advise the members of evaluation teams and assist them in the performance of their tasks.
- Work in close collaboration with other departments of the Council General Secretariat, with the European Commission and with the Member States.
- Contribute to the development of ideas, guidelines and recommendations for improving the planning and the conduct of evaluation missions.

B. Qualifications and experience required

- University degree or equivalent in a related area.
- Professional experience of at least eight years, four of them at least in the field of internal security in the broad sense. Experience in an international or European environment will be considered an advantage.

- Detailed knowledge of EU institutions and policies in the field of justice and home affairs, in particular as regards matters of internal security in the broad sense and areas covered by the Schengen acquis.

C. Conditions/skills required

- The ability to manage a heavy workload and work effectively as a team member.
- Good management and organisational skills.
- Flexibility and team spirit.
- A sense of initiative.
- Excellent negotiating skills in a multinational environment.
- A thorough knowledge of one Community language and a satisfactory knowledge of a second, for the performance of the duties concerned; in practice, in the interests of the department, a good command of oral and written English and French and an ability to draft in both those languages.
- National security clearance at CONFIDENTIEL UE level. Such clearance needs to be obtained from the competent authorities before secondment to the General Secretariat of the Council. The clearance must be valid for the entire period of secondment. If not, the General Secretariat reserves the right to refuse the secondment as national expert.

D. General conditions

- Candidates must be nationals of one of the Member States of the European Union and enjoy their full rights as citizens.

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