RESOLUTION

of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland

of 20 December 2007

on the accession of Poland to the Schengen area

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland welcomes the decision of the Council of the European Union concerning the full application of the Schengen *aquis* in Poland. The Polish efforts to adapt and implement the required procedures, infrastructure and legislation made it possible to abolish checks at the internal land borders of the European Union, including at the border of the Republic of Poland with the Czech Republic, the Republic of Lithuania, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Slovak Republic, earlier than planned, i.e. on the night of 20/21 December 2007. The Polish accession to the Schengen area is yet another step towards deeper European integration and a visible benefit for Poles brought by our membership of the European Union.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland hopes that the Polish accession to the Schengen area will not entail excessive costs and barriers for citizens of the European Union's eastern neighbour states who wish to enter one of the countries in the area and that all facilitations possible under the community law will be applied in their case.

Marshal of the Sejm: Bronisław Komorowski