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Meeting of G8 Justice and Interior Ministers in Munich, 23 – 25 May 2007

During the German G8 Presidency, the justice and interior ministers of the G8 countries are meeting in Munich from 23 to 25 May at the invitation of Federal Minister of Justice Brigitte Zypries and Federal Minister of the Interior Wolfgang Schäuble. European Commission Vice-President Franco Frattini and Interpol Secretary-General Ronald Nobel will also be guests at the meeting. Further participants will include the justice and interior ministers from France, Italy, Japan, Canada, Russia, the United Kingdom and the USA as well as the chief public prosecutors from Russia and the United Kingdom.

Federal Interior Minister Schäuble emphasized: “At the Meeting of G8 Justice and Interior Ministers we will seek to take forward important issues of international cooperation. It is beyond question that the major security and immigration challenges of our time cannot be tackled by one single country on its own but that they need to be addressed by an international alliance. These challenges include in particular the fight against Islamist terrorism which makes use of global networks. A special task will be to identify and curb, wherever possible, the terrorist use of the Internet.”

“The Meeting of G8 Justice and Interior Ministers aims to promote joint action to meet global challenges. We want to facilitate the fight against product piracy and thus strengthen intellectual property”, said Federal Minister of Justice Brigitte Zypries. “Product piracy is on the increase; it causes serious economic damage and costs jobs. The protection of creative work is a top priority, especially for German

businesses in regions with few natural resources. Counterfeit products, for example spare parts or medication, may also pose a serious security risk. Therefore, a variety of measures need to be taken against product piracy. One possibility is a rapid enforcement of intellectual property rights”, said Zypries. “Our consultations will also focus on combating the sexual abuse of children. It is a matter of particular concern to me to stop sex tourism and the global dissemination of child pornography”, said the minister.

Discussion will focus on current issues of security policy and international judicial cooperation, particularly in the field of counter-terrorism, protection of intellectual property rights, integration of immigrants and management of migration from developing countries, as well as prevention of the sexual abuse of children. The ministers can draw on a series of results drawn up in recent months at expert level in the framework of the Rome/Lyon Group. The meeting will also focus on combating opium poppy cultivation in Afghanistan, which again increased last year despite all the measures taken by the Afghan government and the international community.

Additional information for media representatives:

Up-to-date information and programmes are available on the Internet at www.bmj.bund.de/g8-ji and www.bmi.bund.de and at www.g-8.de.

The meeting will take place at the Hotel Bayerischer Hof in Munich. Journalists may apply for accreditation until 18 May.

Extracts of the programme:

Wednesday, 23 May 2007

20:00 hrs The Federal Minister of the Interior and the Federal Minister of Justice welcome the delegations

Thursday, 24 May 2007

09:30 hrs Plenary Session I (including opening photo opportunity)

11:30 hrs Press conference of the Presidency

12:45 hrs Lunch

15:30 hrs Plenary Session II

19:00 hrs Transfer to Residenz (ministers only)

20:00 hrs Reception hosted by the Bavarian State Government

20:30 hrs Official dinner hosted by the Federal Minister of the Interior and the Federal Minister of Justice

Friday, 24 May 2007

09:30 hrs Plenary Session III (including photo opportunity at start of session)

10:45 hrs Group photo

11:30 hrs Plenary Session IV

13:30 hrs Final press conference of the Presidency