Subject: Checkpoint of the Future

Dear Ms Laurent and Mr MacDonald,

First of all, I would like to thank you again for your presentation to the Borders, Travel and Law Enforcement (BTLE) subgroup on 8 January 2013 regarding the current state of play of the Checkpoint of the Future project.

At the subgroup meeting you inquired about the possibility of the Article 29 Working Party (WP29) to support the privacy impact assessment you are planning to develop in the course of this year. WP29 welcomes your initiative to make such an assessment as well as to seek further co-operation with it.

The WP29 has discussed your request at its plenary meeting, in particular in the light of the independent supervisory roles which the European data protection authorities have and need to retain. With a view to balancing its interest in an effective co-operation with the necessity to act according to our roles as independent supervisors, WP29 would like to contribute to the privacy impact assessment by providing you with a list of questions which, in its view, need to be taken into account while making the assessment. Please find this list of questions as an annex to this letter.

If you wish, you are also welcome to formally submit the privacy impact assessment to WP29 for an opinion.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman