Notification by the Republic of Hungary concerning visa reciprocity (*)

(2005/C 251/22)

With reference to Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 851/2005 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary hereby informs the Council of the European Union and the European Commission that as of 24 June 2005 the following countries listed in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 impose a visa requirement on nationals of the Republic of Hungary:

— Australia,
— Brunei Darussalam,
— Canada,
— United States of America.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary asks the Commission to take the necessary steps without delay to ensure that those countries lift the visa obligation as soon as possible and, if necessary, make a proposal concerning temporary measures in accordance with the new Article 1(4)(c) of the Regulation and the statement made when the amendment was adopted.

At the Commission’s request, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary will give detailed information concerning steps taken to date to restore visa-free travel to the above countries.


Notification by Italy concerning visa reciprocity (*)

(2005/C 251/23)

In accordance with Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 851/2005 of 2 June 2005 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001, I wish to inform you that as of today nationals of the Italian Republic are subject to a visa requirement in the following third countries listed in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 539/2001:

— Australia,
— Brunei Darussalam (for a stay of more than 14 days).

A similar letter has been sent to Commission Vice-President Franco Frattini.