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After the summit of the directors of all administrations of the E.C.I.A held in Alexandroupolis, having as its subject the goals and aims of the agency for the year 2001, the programming and the resulting duties of both the central and the district services are covered, after the incorporation of all comments made, at the following document.

I. GENERAL

The controls program of the agency for the year 2001 follows the basic guidelines set for 200, with the emphasis being placed at the qualitative improvement of the controls. The sectors to which the new examinations will focus for the year 2001 are:

1. The electronic commerce, which expands and replaces the classical methods of commerce.
2. The stock exchange companies, regarding transactions of stock packages as well as of the attribution of taxes.
3. The protection of the copyrights in general and of the trade brands and symbols of the 2004 Olympic Games.
4. The exports and the transit carriage of goods to the Balkan states.
5. The control of the fuel, which, as a result of the price increase faces greater risk for smuggling and adulteration.
6. The VAT Attribution control regarding the intra-community acquisitions.
7. The gradually growing Olympic Games infrastructure works.

The reasons for the focus upon the specific eras and the concomitant integration of them to the daily controls schedule of the E.C.I.A are:

- The e-commerce is growing rapidly and has already infiltrated in many sections. For the better observance of the whole e-commerce issue, a special office is installed at the Central Agency (at the Controls Planning and Coordination Directorate). It will furthermore provide guidelines regarding the whole issue.
- The controls of the stock exchange companies mediating to the selling of shares packages performed during the year 2000 highlighted a control sector with a particular taxation interest. As a result, a series of controls is scheduled for 2001 aiming to establish possible taxation violations regarding the specific type of transactions.
- The 2004 Athens Olympic Games constitutes, besides the rest, an event with economic interest, due to the fact that the cost for the infrastructure related to the Games is of high value. The activities that will take place in the development and other branches of the economy, like the exploitation of the copyrights and of the Olympic games brands and symbols will be of great interest to the agency. A new interesting era is that of the protection of copyrights. Statistical studies indicate that 70% the software products circulating at the Greek market is illegal. Many companies using

large numbers of computers for their activities do not legally acquire the software program required. Instead they use replicates, violating the laws protecting copyrights. The copyrights control procedure will constitute a complementary of the rest of the activities described at the control order.

- The opening of the Yugoslavia market after the last political evolutions helps towards the establishment of the Salonica harbour as a goods circulation centre for the whole of the Balkans. Thus, extreme caution is required for the prevention of possible illegal acts.
- The rising fuel prices pause an excellent motive for the commitment of contraband and juggle acts.
Taking this into account, the need for constant controls seems essential.
- The loss of revenues deriving from non collecting VAT attached to the intra-community commercial acts is a direct result of the free circulation of goods and the lack of control for both their entrance and exit. From the mid-2000, the agency started performing a control course, which sent the message that things aren't uncontrollable. The specific activity will be strengthen for the coming year and also enriched with complementary controls to both the enterprises involved at the specific activity and at the transport companies.

II. ANALYSIS OF SOME OF THE CRUCIAL CONTROLLING ACTIVITIES

It goes without saying that the controls will expand to all spectre of the economic activity. The priorities will be described at the following paragraphs. Before that, we must analyze in depth the content of several of the activities in order to point out the