Switzerland and Schengen

- Conditions for Schengen have been met
- **Schengen regime will start on Dec 12th**
  - Suppression of controls for internal Schengen flights will only happen on March 29th 2009
- **Only concerns short term visas**
Switzerland and Schengen (2)

• With “Attestation de Fonctions” can circulate freely for short stays in

  Austria   Belgium   Czech Republic   Denmark  
  Estonia   Finland   France          Germany  
  Greece    Hungary   Iceland         Italy     
  Latvia    Lithuania Luxembourg      Malta     
  Netherlands Norway Poland          Portugal  
  Slovakia  Slovenia  Spain           Sweden 

• Visa D still needed to reside in CH or F > 3 months
• Passage of goods remains as before

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Switzerland and Schengen (3)

• In Schengen, some nationals currently not under visa obligation will be:
  – Dominica, Fiji Islands, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Saint-Lucia, Saint-Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Surinam, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu

• Holders of residence permits delivered by the UK, Ireland, Canada, USA who are not EU or EFTA nationals will be under visa obligation

• May be short-lived as Swiss referendum in March on freedom of movement of EU citizens and extension to Bulgaria and Rumania
Pre-Registration Tool (PRT)

• Resignation of person working on the project delayed the introduction (replacement arrived mid-October)
• Work due to CERN reorganisation takes priority up to the end of the year
• Expected introduction is now early 2009
Electronic exchange of documents with DFAE

- Life-like tests of the system (DocLeg) have been performed last week and continue this week.
- Parallel handling (both electronic and paper) will then take place for real documents for some weeks.
- Should be in production for Staff members by end of January.
- For USERs, the move is to be planned when the new “Carte de Légitimation” introduced.
Miscellaneous

• US residents can no longer have UBS accounts
Users’ Office Web site

- Web pages have moved last Friday
- Now independent of main PH web
- URLs have changed but re-direct in place
  - Bookmarks will need changing
  - Direct links do not work in e-mails sent this week
- Re-design on hold
- Major changes will be needed with the new CERN organisation