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Delegations will find attached a copy of the letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 6 August 2020 regarding the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of internal border controls by Finland until 8 September 2020.

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The Ministers of Home Affairs of the  
EU and Schengen countries

Dear Colleagues,

The Finnish Government made 17.3.2020 a decision to reintroduce controls at the internal borders. Simultaneously Government decided to temporarily close certain border crossing points and limit traffic. These decisions have been prolonged with decisions made 7.4.2020, 7.5.2020, 12.6.2020, 10.7.2020 and 23.7.2020.

The Finnish Government made today, based on epidemiological evaluation, a decision to prolong controls at the internal borders until 8 September 2020.

The border controls will continue between Finland and Spain, Austria, Luxembourg, Portugal, Poland, France, Sweden, Slovenia, Switzerland and Czech Republic, with the exception of leisure boats. Additionally, the Finnish Government made today a decision to reintroduce controls at the internal borders between Finland and the Netherlands and Belgium, with the exception of leisure boats.

These changes enter into force on 10 August 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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