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Subject:	Prolongation of temporary restriction of border traffic at the Finnish eastern land border

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 08 June 2026 regarding the prolongation of temporary restriction of border traffic at the Finnish eastern border. Finland decided to continue the closure of all land border crossing points from 15 April 2024 until further notice. On 4 June 2026 the Government assessed the situation and decided to maintain the current arrangements until further notice.

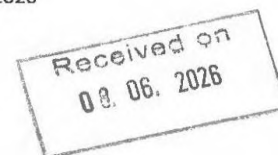


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Dear Colleagues,

Since 16 November 2023, the Government of Finland has adopted a series of decisions to close certain border crossing points along Finland's eastern border and to centralise the submission of applications for international protection at the border crossing points that remain open. Since 15 April 2024, these arrangements have been in force until further notice. The Government renewed its decision on 16 April 2025.

The strict measures implemented have effectively prevented the instrumentalisation of migration. Nevertheless, according to the information available to the Finnish authorities, the risk of a recurrence of this phenomenon persists, including the possible involvement of foreign state actors and international organised criminal groups. Such developments would jeopardise the proper functioning of entry procedures at the border and pose a risk to public order and national security.

For these reasons, on 4 June 2026, the Government assessed the situation and decided to maintain the current arrangements until further notice. Finland continues to monitor the situation closely and to assess the effectiveness, necessity, and proportionality of the measures. The decision will be revoked once the circumstances so warrant.

Yours sincerely,

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