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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 22 July 2021 regarding the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Norway at all internal borders between 8 September and 7 October 2021.

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**Reintroduction of temporary controls at the Norwegian internal borders**

In order to combat further spread of the Covid-19 virus infections, Norway reintroduced internal border controls at all international borders (land, sea and air) on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, pursuant to article 28 of Regulation 2016/399 on the rules governing the movements of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code). Furthermore, restrictions for travel into Norway for certain groups of Schengen/EEA-citizens were applied.

In my letter of 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2020, I expressed the view of the Norwegian authorities that it would be reasonable to assume that several of the measures adopted to contain and combat the infections would have to be kept in place over time.

The current situation, with new and more contagious strings of the virus has made it necessary to invoke exceptional measures to mitigate the situation. Therefore, I have decided to prolong the temporary border controls at all Norwegian borders (land, sea and air) for 30 days from the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 08.00, pursuant to the Schengen Borders Code article 25 paragraph 3 and article 27.

The reintroduction of internal border controls is an exceptional measure of last resort. As such, the carrying out of these controls to limit the further spread of Covid-19 will be limited to what is considered strictly necessary to prevent the threats posed by this pandemic.

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