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From: Spanish delegation

To: Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee (EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/
Norway/Switzerland)

Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Spanish internal borders on the occasion of the forthcoming informal meeting of the Heads of State and Government and the Summit of the European Political Community in Granada, in accordance with Article 25 of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code).

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 07 September 2023 regarding the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Spanish internal borders between 28 September 2023 and 07 October 2023.



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Madrid, September 06th, 2023

On October 5th and 6th, 2023, on the occasion of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the informal meeting of the Heads of State or Government, as well as the Summit of the European Political Community, will be held in the city of Granada.

Among the threats associated with the celebration of this event is the possible arrival of destabilizing elements from other parts of the Schengen area with the aim of provoking serious disturbances of public order and internal security.

These threats require the adoption of exceptional security measures to prevent the entry into Spanish territory of such persons or groups. Such measures include the temporary reintroduction of controls at certain internal borders, as permitted by Article 25 et seq. of the Schengen Borders Code (approved by Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016).

Therefore, I have decided to temporarily reintroduce internal border controls, which will be carried out in a flexible manner, adapting their location, duration and intensity according to the updated information provided by the competent services.



The temporary reintroduction of controls will take place between 00:00 hours on 28 September and 23:59 hours on 7 October 2023, and will affect:

- Land borders with France and Portugal. None of the existing crossing points will be closed.*
- Internal air borders of Alicante, Almería, Barcelona, Granada, Madrid, Málaga, Murcia, Sevilla and Valencia.*
- Internal maritime borders of Barcelona and Málaga.*

Controls will be carried out in such a way as to cause as little disruption as possible to the movement of people.

Yours sincerely,