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Delegations will find attached a copy of the letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 19 November 2020 regarding the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of internal border controls by Finland between 14 December 2020 and 12 January 2021.



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Dear Colleagues,

Due to the remaining COVID-19 situation and due to the fact that compensatory measures are not available yet, the Finnish Government made today a decision to extend the previous decision until 12.1.2021.

The border controls are reintroduced between Finland and all Schengen countries with the exception of leisure boats until 12.1.2021. Additionally there are some exceptions between Finland and Sweden and Norway concerning the land borders. These exceptions are related for local and Saami people.

Regarding the external borders the current restrictions to non-essential travel will continue until 12.1.2021.

Yours sincerely,

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