NOTE

From: Swedish delegation
To: Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee
    (EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)
Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Swedish internal borders in accordance with Article 28(1) of Regulation 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 14 November 2017 regarding temporary reintroduction of border controls by Sweden at its internal borders on 12-19 November 2017.
Dear Secretary General,

On Friday 10 November 2017 the Swedish Police Authority decided to reintroduce border control at the Swedish internal borders. The Swedish Government was informed of the decision on the same day.

Border checks will be carried out between 12 November and 19 November at Gothenburg Landvetter Airport and at Svinesund on the border between Sweden and Norway.

The decision was made in accordance with Article 28 (1) of the Regulation (EU) 2016/999 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code). The reason for the Police Authority’s decision is the risk of unrest and serious disorder in connection to the Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth. On 17 November the summit will gather heads of state and government as well as over 30 organisations and actors.

The Police Authority bases its assessment on a current risk analysis, on experiences of serious disorder in connection to similar meetings and recent violent incidents during demonstrations in the city of Gothenburg. As a result, the Police Authority has found that a serious threat to public policy and internal security, in accordance with Article 28 (1) of the Schengen Borders Code, is at hand and that the temporary reintroduction of border control at the internal border is necessary as a last resort.

The decision of the Police Authority was tried and established by Government decision on 14 November.
The decision does not affect the Swedish Government decision of 10 November to reintroduce border control at the internal border based on Article 25 of the Schengen Borders Code.

Yours sincerely,

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