NOTE
From: Maltese delegation
To: Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee (EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)
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Subject: Prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border control at the Maltese internal borders in accordance with Article 23 of Regulation (EC) 562/2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across border (Schengen Borders Code)

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 26 November 2015 concerning the prolongation of temporary reintroduction of border controls by Malta at internal borders from 30 November to 31 December 2015.
Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen  
Secretary General  
General Secretariat of the Council of the  
European Union,  
Rue de la Loi 175,  
1048 Brussels,  
Belgium  

25 November 2015  

Dear Jeppoe,  


A copy of this letter has also been sent to Klaus Welle, Secretary General of the European Parliament.  

Yours sincerely  

[Signature]

Marlene Bonnici  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative  


Copy: Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security
Mr Dimitris Avramopoulos  
European Commissioner  
Responsible for Migration, Home Affairs & Citizenship

25th November 2015

Dear Commissioner,


Reference is made to my letter of the 14th November 2015 wherein I notified the reintroduction of border controls in line with the Schengen Borders Code until 29 November 2015, in view of the Valletta Conference on Migration that was held in Malta on the 11th and 12th November 2015 and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) of 27 - 29 November 2015.

In view of the current situation with regard to the global terrorist threat, as well as in view of the fact that Malta is in the process of addressing a smuggling ring that is currently targeting Malta as a destination for illegal migrants travelling from other Schengen States, Malta will be retaining border controls at the internal borders also after the 29 November 2015, until 31st December 2015. This is being done on the basis of Article 23 of the Schengen Borders Code, in view of the serious threat to public policy and internal security that is currently considered to exist.

Sincerely

[Signature]

Hon. Carmelo Abela MP  
Minister for Home Affairs and National Security