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Delegations will find attached a copy of the letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 3 November 2023 regarding the prolongation of border controls by the Slovak Republic at the internal borders with Hungary as of 4 November to 23 November 2023.

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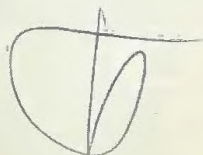
Dear colleagues,

Please be informed that in connection to an intensified migration pressure along the Balkan route through Hungary to the Slovak Republic resulting in illegal crossing of the border by the migrants who may pose a serious threat to the internal security and public order of the Slovak Republic, in accordance with Article 28 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on the Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code), the Government of the Slovak Republic decided to reintroduce temporary border controls at the internal borders of the Slovak Republic with Hungary for the period from 5 to 14 October 2023 with the prolongation from 15 October to 3 November 2023.

Due to the high rate of illegal migration we propose to continually prolong the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the internal borders with Hungary by further 20 days from 4 November to 23 November 2023.

The controls will be performed alongside the entire length of the internal borders of the Slovak Republic with Hungary in a flexible manner according to the current threat and depending on the security situation development.

Respectfully,



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