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Subject:	Prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Norwegian internal borders in accordance with Article 25 of Regulation (EC) 562/2006 establishing a Community 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 Council on 4 December 2015 concerning the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Norway at its internal borders between 7 and 26 December 2015.

ROYAL NORWEGIAN
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SECURITY*The Minister*

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Date
03.12.2015**Prolongation of border control at Norwegian internal borders**

Dear Madam/Sirs

The Norwegian government decided on 25. November 2015 to temporary reintroduce border control at the Norwegian internal borders in the period 26. November at 08:00 hours to 6. December at 08:00 hours. The decision was made in order to remedy the serious threat to public policy and internal security posed by the consequences of the unpredictable migratory pressure and the ensuing challenges to the functioning of the Norwegian society. Other measures had been deemed insufficient. I refer to my letter of 25. November 2015.

The Norwegian government has today decided to prolong the border control at the internal borders. With reference to article 25 of the Regulation (EU) no 1051/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) no 562/2006 in order to provide for common rules on the temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders in exceptional circumstances (Schengen Borders Code), border control at internal borders will continue to take place until 26 December at 08:00 hours.

There has been a decrease in the number of migrants applying for asylum in Norway lately, but the number is still very high, and we still experience an uncontrolled and unpredictable influx of migrants. We thereby find the conditions and reasoning in my letter 25. November for reintroduction of border control still to be valid.

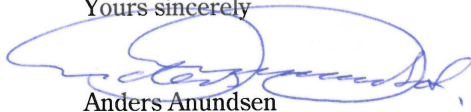
The border control may extend to all internal borders, i.e. air, sea and land borders, whereby the specific border sections and border crossing points are determined by the National Police Directorate. The reintroduced border control will remain focused on

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ports with internal ferry connections to Norway. The scope and intensity of the control measures will be limited to what is strictly necessary in order to respond to the serious threat to public policy and internal security, while constantly monitoring and adequately adapting the measures.

I would be grateful if you would pass on this information to all states taking part in the Schengen cooperation. I also kindly invite the respective delegations to pass on the information to their relevant national authorities, media and public as they see fit.

Yours sincerely



Anders Anundsen