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Subject:	Prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Swedish internal borders in accordance with Article 23 and 25 of Regulation (EC) 562/2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across border (Schengen Borders Code)

Delegation will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 10 November 2015, concerning the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Sweden at its internal borders until 20 December 2015.



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Ministry of Justice Sweden
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Secretary General for Justice and
 Home Affairs
 Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen

Dear Secretary General,

The Swedish government decided on 12 November to temporarily reintroduce border control at the Swedish internal borders between 12 November at and 21 November 2015. Other measures had, after detailed consideration, been deemed insufficient. The Swedish government decided on 19 November to prolong the border control at the internal borders for the period from 22 November to 11 December 2015. Today, the Swedish government has decided to prolong the reintroduced border control until 20 December 2015.

The decision to prolong the border control was made due to the remaining serious threat to public policy and internal security posed by the consequences of the unprecedented migratory pressure and the ensuing significant challenges to the functioning of the Swedish society.

In its most recent situational pictures, the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency states that the challenges for a range of important services in Swedish society are likely to increase and the situation is likely to deter. The influx of asylum applicants in Sweden has decreased, but still remains very high. During the period from 2 December 2015 to 8 December 2015, the Swedish Migration Agency registered 4 300 asylum applications.

The border control may extend to all internal borders, including land, sea and air borders, whereby the specific border sections and border crossing points are determined by the Swedish Police Authority. For now, the controls will remain focused on the regions mentioned in my letter to you of 12 November 2015. The scope of the control will remain limited to what is strictly necessary to respond to the threat to public policy and internal security and constantly adapted to the relevant circumstances.

The decision to prolong the border control was made in accordance with articles 23 and 25 of the Regulation (EC) no 562/2006 of the European

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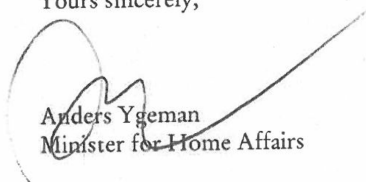
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Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code).

As mentioned above, the overall situation is unlikely to improve in the near future. Instead, the serious threat to public policy and internal security is expected to remain for still some time. Against this background, I wish to hereby inform you that unless the situation changes significantly in the coming weeks, the Swedish government intends to decide at that time on border checks at internal borders to be temporarily carried out on the basis of articles 23 and 24 of the Schengen Borders Code.

I would be grateful for your support for this necessary measure.

Yours sincerely,



Anders Ygeman
Minister for Home Affairs