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Delegations will find attached a copy of the letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 07 November 2024 regarding the prolongation of border controls at the Norwegian internal borders for 20 days, from 12 November 2024 to 01 December 2024.

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Dear Vice-President of the Commission,  
Dear Commissioner,  
Dear President of the European Parliament,  
Dear Secretary-General of the Council,  
Dear Sir/Madam,

Enclosed please find a letter from Ms Emilie MEHL, the Norwegian Minister of Justice and Public Security, dated 7 November 2024 concerning reintroduction of temporary controls at the Norwegian internal borders.

Yours sincerely,  
  
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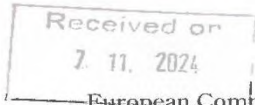
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**Temporary controls at the Norwegian internal borders**

On October 11, the National Police Commissioner decided, in accordance with her authority in situations where immediate action is required, to temporarily reintroduce controls at the Norwegian internal borders for a period of 10 days, from 12 until 22 October 2024. I prolonged these controls from 21 October until 11 November 2024.

I have now decided to further prolong these controls for a period of 20 days until 1 December. The decision has been reached in accordance with Schengen Borders Code articles 28 and 26.

Current threats to public order and internal security, as well as the likely threat from state-supported terrorists and proxy actors, are challenging free movement in the Schengen area.

The Norwegian Police Security Service deems that the extent of the threat that initiated the controls still needs further clarification. The threat against especially Jewish and Israeli persons and institutions remains severe. The threat level is at level 4 on a scale from 1 to 5. Level 4 indicates that the Police Security Service assesses that one or more persons have concrete and realistic plans and implement concrete steps in order to conduct a terrorist attack and/or that several factors elevate the threat.

The threat we face makes it necessary to temporarily reintroduce border control at Norway's internal borders. Alternative measures are considered insufficient.

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The Police are in close cooperation with the Norwegian Police Security Service and is continuously updated on the developments in the situation, both in order to better target measures and to ensure that measures can be discontinued if the threat is considered diminished or the situation sufficiently clarified.

Controls at internal borders increase the possibility for the Police to collect and analyse information on travellers. Based on known *modi operandi*, the measures further provide the potential to single out persons for controls. This is also intended to discourage persons that represents a threat from travelling to Norway.

The border control may extend to all internal borders. However, the activity at the border will work in combination with other measures such as increased presence and patrolling at potential hotspots, and against specific groups or individuals as well as protection of events and public gatherings.

All controls at the border will depend on the specific situation and assessment of proportionality. The Norwegian Police prioritize border surveillance over physical controls at border crossing points, in order for the cross-border traffic to flow as unimpeded as possible. So far, congestion at internal borders has not occurred.

Information is exchanged with neighbouring countries on a regular basis, both on a strategic and operational level.

Yours sincerely,



Emilie Mehl

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