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from : Danish delegation
to : delegations

Subject : **Reintroduction of border checks by Denmark at internal Schengen borders in accordance with Article 23(1) of Regulation (EC) No 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 General Secretariat of the Council on 17 November 2009 concerning the temporary reintroduction of border checks by Denmark at internal Schengen borders from 1-18 December 2009.

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF DENMARK
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As you know, Denmark will be hosting the UN Climate Change Conference (COP15) in Copenhagen on 7-18 December 2009.

As a result of increased security requirements on this occasion and to assure public order, Danish authorities have found it necessary to prepare for the possibility to reintroduce border checks at internal Schengen borders, in accordance with article 23(1) of Regulation (EC) No 562 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 (Schengen Borders Code).

From 1 to 18 December 2009, border checks will therefore be carried out at Denmark's land, air and sea borders with its Schengen neighbouring countries, as the situation requires. The scale and intensity of these border checks will in accordance with article 23(1) of the Schengen Borders Code not exceed what is necessary for security reasons in each case. Depending on available police information and the threat assessment on the given time and place, travellers may experience border control checks at any Danish internal border during the above mentioned period.

I should be grateful if you would pass on this information to the members of the Council of the European Union and to the States which take part in the Schengen cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Poul S. Christoffersen', written in a cursive style.

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