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from: Norwegian delegation
to: Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee
(EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)

Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border controls at the **Norwegian** internal borders in accordance with Articles 23(1) and 24 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 30 November 2012 regarding temporary reintroduction of border controls by Norway at its internal borders between 3-12 December 2012.



The Ambassador

Brussels, 30 November 2012

Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border control at internal border in Norway

Dear Secretary-General,


In accordance with article 23 (1) and Article 24 of the regulation (EC) No 532/2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) the Norwegian Government have decided to reintroduce border control at its internal borders with respect to the forthcoming Nobel Peace Prize.

Between the 3rd - 12th December border control will be reintroduced at border crossing points on Norwegian internal borders in order to minimize the risk of a serious threat to public policy and internal security in connection with this event.

I would be grateful if you could forward this information to all Member States and Schengen Associated Countries.

Please find attached a letter from the Norwegian Police Directorate concerning this issue.

Yours sincerely,


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Dear Secretary General,

The Nobel Peace Prize for 2012 has been awarded to the European Union, and a ceremony will be held in Oslo on 10 December 2012.

As a result of increased security requirements on this occasion and to assure internal security, and based on a threat assessment done by the National Police Security Service, Norwegian authorities have decided to reintroduce border control at its internal borders, in accordance with article 23 of the Regulation no 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across the borders (Schengen Borders Code). The measure is necessary in order to prevent a serious threat to public policy and internal security, by preventing potentially violent persons from travelling to Norway, where a large number of European heads of state or government will be attending the ceremony.

Between 3 December and 12 December 2012, border control measures will be carried out at internal borders along the land- air- and seaborders in the southern and eastern part of Norway, as the situation requires, in order to minimise the risk of threat to public policy and internal security in connection with this event. The scale and intensity of the border control activities during this period will not exceed what is strictly necessary in order to respond to any serious threats, and will be flexible in time and location depending on police intelligence, threat assessments, and any relevant findings. The Norwegian border control authorities will take steps to ensure that the border control activities will not obstruct the smooth processing of travellers.

Yours sincerely,


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