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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 7 January 2016, concerning the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Sweden at its internal borders until 8 February 2016.



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DEST. PRINC. .... **Mme ROGER**  
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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 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 to 11 December 2015. On 10 December, the border control was prolonged until 20 December and on 18 December the Swedish government decided to prolong the reintroduced border control until 9 January 2016. Today, the Swedish government has decided to prolong the border control until February 8 2016.

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 great and the strained situation is likely to remain so for some time. The influx of asylum applicants in Sweden has decreased, but still remains very high, especially for this time of year. During the period from 29 December 2015 to 4 January 2016, the Swedish Migration Agency registered almost 2 000 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

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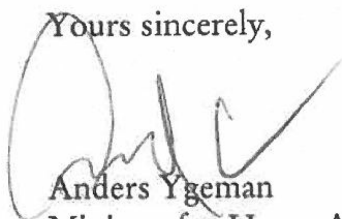
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to what is strictly necessary to respond to the threat to public policy and internal security and constantly adapted to the relevant circumstances.

Today's decision to prolong the border control was made in accordance with articles 23 and 24 of the Regulation (EC) no 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code).

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

Yours sincerely,



Anders Ygeman  
Minister for Home Affairs