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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 11 February 2021 regarding prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Spain at the borders with Portugal between 11 February and 1 March 2021.

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Member States of the EU and Schengen Associated States*

*Madrid, 9 February 2021*

*I notified you in a letter dated 29 January 2021 of the reintroduction of checks at the internal land border with Portugal as a result of consultations with the Portuguese authorities. That measure was one of the serious restrictions on mobility imposed within the territory of both Member States in response to the COVID-19 epidemiological situation.*

*Since it can be expected that measures restricting mobility will still be necessary for several more weeks, Spain will maintain these checks until 00.00 on 1 March 2021, in accordance with Article 28(3) of the Schengen Borders Code. The categories of persons allowed to cross the border remain unchanged.*

*The public will be duly informed of any adjustments that may be made to the list of authorised crossing points and their opening hours.*

*Spain remains committed to limiting the duration of checks at the internal borders to the minimum necessary time, and always in line with the measures taken within its territory.*

*Yours sincerely,*

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