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Subject:	Prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Norwegian internal borders in accordance with Article 29(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 on a Union 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 13 February 2017 concerning the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Norway at its internal borders until 11 May 2017.



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MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SECURITY

The Minister of Justice and Public Security

European Commission
European Parliament
General Secretariat of the Council



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Prolongation of temporary border controls at internal borders

Reference is made to the adoption made by the Council of the European Union on 7. February 2017, of an Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation for prolonging temporary internal border control in exceptional circumstances putting the overall functioning of the Schengen area at risk.

I hereby notify that Norway pursuant to Article 29 (2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of March 9. 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders will apply the Implementing Decision allowing prolongation for a maximum period of three months as from 11. February 2017 of temporary border controls in ports with ferry connections to Germany, Denmark and Sweden.

Norway is still concerned over the number of irregular migrants residing in parts of Europe, and we must take steps to reduce the risk exposed by large secondary movements. Our aim is to avoid the entry of persons who do not fulfil the requirements for legal entrance.

The situation on border security and national security is constantly reviewed, also by consulting neighbouring countries. I still find that temporary border controls, as mentioned above, remains to be necessary to achieve satisfactory internal security.

The controls are limited to what is strictly necessary. They are carried out in a targeted manner based on risk analysis.

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We will regularly examine and re-evaluate the necessity, frequency, location and time of controls at the relevant border sections.

Norwegian authorities will report to the Commission according to the Implementing Decision.

Yours sincerely



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