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From: Danish delegation  
To: Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee  
(EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)  
Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Danish internal borders  
in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/399 on a Union Code on the  
rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen  
Borders Code)

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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 16 March 2020 regarding temporary reintroduction of border controls by Denmark at the internal borders from 14 March 2020.

E-MAIL

JUSTITISMINISTERIET  
Ministry of Justice

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Dear colleagues,

I refer to my letter of 10 October 2019 in which I informed that the Danish Government has decided to reintroduce temporary border controls at the internal borders that may extend to all internal borders, including land-, sea-, and air borders.

In light of the current situation with COVID-19, please be informed that the temporary border controls will be extended at all Danish internal borders effective as of 14 March 2020. As such, the controls will be carried out at all internal borders, including land-, sea-, and air borders, in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Denmark.

The serious and immediate threat caused by the COVID-19 outbreak is a grave concern for the Danish Government and is handled with the utmost caution. The Danish Government considers the extension of the internal border control as a necessary and effective measure to address this threat.

Please rest assured that the scope and duration of the internal border checks will continue to be limited to what is strictly necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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