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Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Lithuanian internal borders in accordance with Article 28 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 16 March 2020 regarding temporary reintroduction of border controls by Lithuania at the internal borders between 14 and 24 March 2020.

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RE REINTRODUCTION OF INTERNAL BORDER CONTROL

Dear Colleagues,

Please be informed that the Government of Republic of Lithuania has decided to temporarily reintroduce border control at all internal land-, sea-, and air borders in accordance with Article 28 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code).

Such a decision was taken in reaction to serious and immediate threat caused by the spread of COVID-19. The Government of Republic of Lithuania considers the reintroduction of internal border control as a necessary, proportionate and effective measure to address this threat.

The border control will be reintroduced at:

1. International airports;
2. Seaport of Klaipėda;
3. The following land border crossing points (BCP):
 - With Republic of Poland:
 - Kalvarijos BCP;
 - Lazdijų BCP.
 - With Republic of Latvia:
 - Būtingės BCP;
 - Skuodo BCP;
 - Buknaičių BCP;
 - Kalvių BCP;
 - Saločių BCP;
 - Germanišio BCP;



- Obelių BCP;
- Smėlynės BCP.

The reintroduction of border control will take effect as of 14 March 2020 18:00 and will last 10 days, until 24 March 2020 18:00. If the threat persists beyond this period, the decision to prolong the period of border control at internal borders will be duly notified to the European Commission and the Member States.

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

Yours sincerely,



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