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Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Norwegian 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 Norway at the internal borders between 16 and 25 March 2020.

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Temporary reintroduction of border controls at all Norwegian internal borders

The number of covid-19 virus infections in Norway continues to increase, with a clear cross border element. Although the Norwegian national health authorities have introduced several measures to contain the virus and prevent further spread, all possible measures must be taken into consideration in order to slow down the spreading of the virus, ensure the capacity of our medical facilities and protect the most vulnerable.

The Norwegian authorities now views the continued spread of the covid-19 as constituting a serious threat to public policy and internal security. In light of this, I have decided to immediately reintroduce internal border controls at all internal borders (land-, sea- and airborders) for 10 days from 16th. March 2020 08:00, pursuant to article 28 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/399 on the rules governing the movements of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code).

The temporary reintroduction of internal border control is an exceptional measure of last resort. As such, the carrying out of internal border controls will be limited, both operationally and geographically to what is considered strictly necessary to avert the threat to our public policy and internal security. In order to make controls at the internal border effective and at the same time as efficient as possible, a certain channeling to larger border crossing posts may be necessary, but has so far not been

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decided. In order to combat the spread of covid-19 it is unavoidable that the free movement of persons and the internal market will be temporarily negatively impacted.

Yours sincerely



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