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Subject: Prolongation of the 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 30 April 2020 regarding the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Norway at the internal borders between 5 and 16 May 2020.

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Brussels, 29.04.2020

Dear Vice-President of the Commission
Dear Commissioner
Dear Secretary-General of the Council
Dear Sir/Madam

Enclosed please find a letter from the Norwegian Minister of Justice and Public Security dated 29 April 2020 on the prolongation of the border control at the Norwegian internal borders.

We kindly ask delegations to forward it to their respective capitals.

Yours sincerely

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Member States of the Schengen Cooperation

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Our ref.
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Prolongation of the border controls at the Norwegian internal borders

In order to combat the further spread of the Covid-19 virus infections, Norway reintroduced internal border controls at all internal borders (land, sea and air borders) for 10 days on the 16th of March this year, pursuant to the article 28 of the Regulation 2016/399 on the rules governing the movements of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code). The measure was prolonged for 20 days from the 26th of March, and for a further 20 days from the 15th of April.

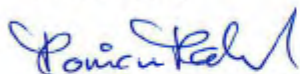
National statistical information indicates that the unprecedented measures taken to reduce and prevent the further spread of the Covid-19 virus infections are having a positive effect. However, the continued spread still constitutes a threat to our public policy and internal security. In light of this, I would kindly like to inform you that Norway, pursuant to the Schengen Borders Code article 28, will prolong the internal border controls at all internal borders (land, sea and air borders) for another 11 days until 16th of May at 08.00.

Norway recognizes that the temporary reintroduction of internal border control is an exceptional measures 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 the controls at the internal borders effective, while as efficient as possible, a certain channeling of traffic flows to larger border crossing points may be necessary, but has so far not been decided.

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The internal border controls will be implemented in light of the Commission guidelines for border management measures to protect health and ensure the availability of goods and essential services.

Yours sincerely



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