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Subject: Prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Spanish internal borders in accordance with Articles 25 and 27 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 11 May 2020 regarding temporary reintroduction of border controls by Spain at the internal borders between 10 and 24 May 2020.

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The Ministers of Interior of the
EU Member States and Schengen Associated Countries

Madrid, May 8th, 2020

On March 17th, Spain reintroduced controls at its internal land borders in order to support the measures taken inside its territory by the state of alarm to limit the spreading of COVID-19. These controls have been successively prolonged, the last time until May 9th.

The current circumstances recommend once more maintaining restrictive measures on our territory, albeit subject to de-escalation as established in the Transition Plan towards a new normality. Consequently, the state of alarm has been extended until May 23rd, and controls at the internal borders should be prolonged in parallel, as a proportionate measure, coherent with restrictions adopted by other Member States, especially France and Portugal, the two Member States neighboring Spain.

On this occasion, articles 25 and 27 of the Schengen Borders Code need to be resorted to, since article 28 would not allow for a long enough period. We have not been able to communicate the reintroduction four weeks in advance, since the situation and the resulting measures are re-evaluated at shorter periods. Therefore, in accordance with articles 25 and 27 of the Schengen Borders Code, I have issued *Order INT/XXX/2020 of the Minister of Interior of May 9th prolonging controls temporarily reintroduced at the internal land borders due to COVID-19*, by which controls at the internal land borders are prolonged from 00:00, May 10th until 00:00, May 24th. The following categories of persons are exempted:

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- Spanish citizens.
- Residents in Spain.
- Residents in other Member States or Schengen Associated Countries going to their place of residence.
- Frontier workers.
- Healthcare and elderly care professionals going to their work.
- Those able to prove with documents being subject to force majeure or state of necessity.
- Staff of diplomatic missions, consular offices or international organizations seated in Spain, accredited as such and travelling in the scope of their official mission.
- Transport of goods, including maritime and air crews, only if an onward journey is guaranteed.

Please rest assured that the scope and duration of the internal border checks will be limited to what is strictly necessary and that we will continue to carefully monitor and assess the evolution of the situation, as well as the impact and proportionality of measures taken.

Yours sincerely,

Fernando Grande-Marlaska Gómez

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