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From: Portuguese delegation

To: Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee  
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Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Portuguese internal borders in accordance with Articles 25 and 26 of 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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**TRANSLATION PROVIDED BY THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION**

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat on 31 March 2017 regarding reintroduction of temporary border controls by Portugal at its internal borders between 10 and 14 May 2017.

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*Lisboa*

Mr. Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen,  
Secretary-General of the Council  
of the European Union

Lisboa, 31 March 2017

*Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders  
in Portugal*

Dear Secretary-General,

In connection with the necessity to ensure internal security and public order during the pilgrimage of the Holy Father to Fatima-Portugal (12 and 13 May 2017), the Portuguese Government decided, in accordance with articles 25.º and 26.º of the Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on an Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code), to reintroduce temporary borders controls at the internal borders, in view of the prevention of entrance in Portugal of persons who may pose a serious threat to the public order or internal security.

This event will attract hundreds of thousands of participants to Portugal and will be attended by several Heads of State and Government. Considering the characteristics and complexity of the event, its visibility, the huge influx of people expected and the current context of threat, especially terrorist, there is a need to ensure internal

security through necessary and appropriate measures, including the temporary establishment of borders controls.

Border control will be restored between the 10<sup>th</sup> May at 00h00 and the 14<sup>th</sup> May at 00h00, in order to minimise the risk of a serious threat to public order and internal security in connection with this event.

The border control may extend to all internal borders, including land, sea and air borders, and its scope and intensity will remain limited to what is strictly necessary to respond to the threat to public order and internal security.

During this period, crossing of the internal land border of Portugal will be allowed in the following authorized crossing points:

- a) Valença – Viana do Castelo, saída da Ponte Tuy – Valença – ligação IP1 – A3, em Valença, e estação ferroviária de Valença;
- b) Vila Verde da Raia – Chaves, saída da A52, ligação com a A 24, km 0, junto à rotunda;
- c) Quintanilha – Bragança, saída da Ponte Internacional IP4 / E 82, nó de saída para Quintanilha ou junto das instalações do CCPA na N 218-1 Quintanilha;
- d) Vilar Formoso – Guarda junto da linha de fronteira, Largo da Fronteira, junto ao CCPA, N 16/E80, ligação 620 Fuentes de Ônoro, Espanha, incluindo a fronteira velha, N 332, km 62,7, a estação ferroviária de Vilar Formoso e o acesso pelo Parque TIR, via camiões, N16, Vilar Formoso;
- e) Termas de Monfortinho – Castelo Branco, entroncamento da N 239 com a N 240 em Termas de Monfortinho;
- f) Marvão – Portalegre, linha de fronteira, Marvão, N 521 ligação de Valência de Alcântara à IC 13 Marvão e estação ferroviária Beirã/Marvão, situada em Beirã.

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- g) Caia – Elvas, saída da A6 km 158, ligação Caia- Elvas, junto ao Posto de Turismo, Elvas;
- h) Vila Verde de Ficalho – Beja, junto da linha de fronteira, ligação A 495 Rosal de la Frontera ao IP 8, Serpa.
- i) Vila Real de Santo António – Praça da Fronteira, km 131 da A22, Ponte Internacional do Guadiana – Castro Marim, incluindo o cais fluvial de Vila Real de Santo António.

I would be grateful for Your support for this necessary measure.

Please accept, Dear Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Minister for Home Affairs



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