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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 25 May 2020 regarding the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Spain at the internal air and sea borders between 24 May and 6 June 2020.

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EU Member States and Schengen Associated CountriesMadrid, May 23rd, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

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 23rd. On May 15th controls at the internal air and sea borders were reintroduced, also until May 23rd.

In the de-escalation process initiated by Spain, currently travel between provinces is still not allowed, and the state of alarm will be prolonged until June 6th to support the remaining restrictions. Therefore, it is considered necessary to prolong the controls temporarily reintroduced at the internal air, sea and land borders. This measure is considered proportionate regarding the internal situation and the restrictions in force throughout the Schengen Area, including our closest neighbours, France and Portugal, which also maintain controls at our common land borders.

The categories of persons allowed to cross the internal borders are:

- Spanish citizens.
- Residents in Spain.
- Residents in other Member States or Schengen Associated States going to their residence.

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- Cross border workers.
- Healthcare and elderly care professionals going to their work.
- Entries for work reasons, including seasonal workers, will be allowed if documentary evidence can be provided.
- 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.

Therefore, in accordance with articles 25 and 27 of the Schengen Borders Code, Order SND/439/2020 of the Minister of Health of May 23th has been issued prolonging controls reintroduced at the internal air, sea and land borders due to COVID-19 from 00:00, May 24th, and for the duration of the alert state and any extensions thereof, or until there are circumstances that justify a new ministerial Order.

By the aforementioned Ministerial Order, and for the same duration, the existing quarantine of 14 days for all persons entering the Spanish territory is maintained. Cross border workers, transport workers, crew members and health workers are excluded if they have not been in contact with persons diagnosed with COVID-19.

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,

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