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From:	French delegation
To:	Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee (EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)
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Subject:	Prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the French 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)

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 26 April 2016 concerning the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by France at its internal borders between 27 April and 26 May 2016.

French Republic
PERMANENT REPRESENTATION
OF FRANCE
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

The Ambassador

Brussels, 26 April 2016

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Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a note from the French authorities prolonging the reintroduction of controls at internal borders with Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, the Swiss Confederation, Italy and Spain from 27 April to 26 May 2016.

Yours faithfully,

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NOTE FROM THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES

Subject: Note from the French authorities prolonging the reintroduction of controls at the internal borders with Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, the Swiss Confederation, Italy and Spain from 27 April to 26 May 2016

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Following the terrorist attacks in Paris on 13 November 2015 and the state of emergency imposed in France for three months, then renewed for three months by Law No. 2016-162 of 19 February 2016, on 15 March 2016 France notified the European authorities of a further extension of the reintroduction of border controls from 28 March to 26 April 2016.

In light of the major ongoing terrorist threat, illustrated by the attack on Brussels on 22 March 2016, the French Government has decided to extend these border controls until 26 May 2016 inclusive.

Consequently, pursuant to Articles 25(3) (formerly 23(3)) and 26 (formerly 23a) of the Schengen Borders Code, the new codification of which has been applicable since 12 April 2016, and in accordance with Article 27 (formerly 24) of the same Code, I would inform you that the controls at France's internal land borders with Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, the Swiss Confederation, Italy and Spain, as well as at its air and sea borders, will be extended for a period of 30 days, i.e. 27 April to 26 May 2016 inclusive. The controls will be carried out under the same conditions as those that have been in force since 14 December 2015.

Accordingly, the French authorities wish to notify without delay the members of the Council of the European Union and the States involved in cooperation within the Schengen area of the extended reintroduction of border controls, as provided for in Article 24(5) of the Schengen Borders Code.