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To: Delegations

Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Swedish 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 18 April 2017, concerning the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Sweden at its internal borders between 7 and 14 April 2017 due to the suspected terror attack in Stockholm.



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Minister for Home Affairs

Dear Secretary-General,

Due to the suspected terror attack in Stockholm on 7 April 2017, the Swedish Police Authority the same day decided to reintroduce border control at the Swedish internal borders. The decision was made in accordance with Article 28 (1) of the Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code). The decision to reintroduce border control entered in to force at 8 pm local time. The decision of the Swedish Police Authority was on the same date confirmed by a decision of the Swedish Government. The control was to be limited to what was strictly necessary to respond to the threat and to safeguard public policy and internal security.

Following the development of events, the Swedish Police Authority has informed the Swedish Government that as of 15 April 2017 there will no longer be a need for border control at the internal borders. The Swedish Government has therefore decided to lift the reintroduced border control at internal borders as of 15 April 2017.

This decision does not affect the decision of the Swedish Government of 9 February 2017 to prolong the reintroduced border control at the internal border in police regions South and West.

Yours sincerely,

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