NOTE
from: Estonian delegation

to: Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee
   (EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)

Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border controls at internal borders in accordance with Article 23(1) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 establishing a Community 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 14 April 2010 regarding the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Estonia at internal borders on 17-23 April 2010.
Mr Ivan Bizjak  
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Temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders – notification on the basis of the Article 23(1) of the Schengen Borders Code

Dear Mr Bizjak,

In accordance with the regulation No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) article 23 the Estonian Government decided to reintroduce border control at its internal borders as a result of increased security requirements for the forthcoming Informal Meeting of NATO Foreign Ministers in Tallinn (Estonia) on 22-23 April 2010.

Between the 17 April 2010 at 21:00 hours to 23 April 2010 at 21:00 hours border control will be reintroduced at the Estonian internal borders in order to minimise the risk of threat to public policy and internal security.

Border checks will be carried out:

1) at Estonian – Latvian border:
Ikla, Vana-Ikla, Bārja, Vastse-Roosa, Murati, Mössaküla, Valga-1, Valga-2, Valga-3 and Valga railway border crossing points.

2) at sea border:
Dirhami, Heltermaa, Kunda, Lehtna, Loksa, Miiduranna, Muuga, Möntu, Narva-Jõesuu, Paldiski-1, Paldiski-2, Praga, Pärnu-2, Rehuküla, Roomassaare, Saaremaa, Sillamäe, Tallinna 2-5, Tallinna8, Tallinna 10-12, Veere, Verto and Virtsu border crossing points.

3) at air border:

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Kuressaare, Kärdla, Pärnu-1, Tallinn-1, Tallinn-13, Tartu-1, Ämari border crossing points.

The Estonian border control authorities will take steps to ensure that the border control activities during this period will not obstruct the smooth processing of travellers.

We would be very grateful if you could pass this information to all Member States of the EU and to the States that are members of the Schengen area.

Yours sincerely

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Minister

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