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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 5 June 2020 regarding the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Belgium at the internal borders between 9 and 14 June 2020.

As of 15 June 2020 the temporary reintroduction of border controls is lifted.

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The Ministers of Home Affairs of the  
EU and Schengen countries

Brussels, 4 June 2020

Dear Colleagues,

By letters of 20 March, 30 March, 17 April and 30 April I informed you about the temporary reintroduction of border controls at all internal Belgian borders in accordance with the Schengen Borders Code in order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. These notifications cover the period until 8 June.

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I have the pleasure to inform you that yesterday 3 June the Belgian National Security Council decided to lift all internal border restrictions from the date of 15 June. In setting this date, we have also taken into account the timing already announced by other Member States in order to ensure maximum coordination.

From the same date Belgium will no longer carry out systematic border controls at internal borders. As the remaining restrictions at internal border will remain until 14 June (midnight), border controls will be possible until this date. This means that I have to notify a further extension of this measure on the base of article 25 and 27 SBC for a small period until 14 June, and this according the same modalities as described in my previous notifications.

Yours sincerely,



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