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Subject: Prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Swedish internal borders in accordance with Articles 25 and 27 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 4 May 2016, concerning the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of borders controls by Sweden at its internal borders until 7 June 2016.



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Ministry of Justice Sweden
Minister for Home Affairs

Secretary General for Justice and
Home Affairs
Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen

Dear Secretary General,

The Swedish government decided on 12 November 2015 to temporarily reintroduce border control at the Swedish internal borders between 12 November and 21 November. Other measures had, after detailed consideration, been deemed insufficient. The Swedish government thereafter decided on 19 November 2015, 10 December 2015, 18 December 2015, 7 January 2016, 4 February, 3 March and 7 April 2016 to prolong the border control at the internal borders. Today, the Swedish government has decided to prolong the border control at the internal borders until 7 June 2016.

The decision to prolong the border control was made due to the remaining serious threat to public policy and internal security posed by the consequences of the unprecedented migratory pressure and the ensuing significant challenges to the functioning of the Swedish society.

The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency's most recent assessment is that, although the situation has improved to some extent, there are still challenges for a range of important services in Swedish society and that the strained situation is likely to remain so for some time. During the period from 25 April 2016 to 1 May 2016, the Swedish Migration Agency registered almost 500 asylum applications. Although the number of new asylum seekers has decreased, the effects from the unprecedented migratory pressure in the latter part of 2015 combined with the current influx, still makes the situation challenging for many of the important services in Sweden.

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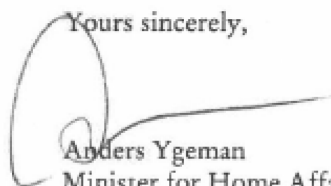
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The border control may extend to all internal borders, including land, sea and air borders, whereby the specific border sections and border crossing points are determined by the Swedish Police Authority. For now, the controls will remain focused on the regions mentioned in my letter to You of 12 November 2015. The scope of the control will remain limited to what is strictly necessary to respond to the threat to public policy and internal security and constantly adapted to the relevant circumstances.

Today's decision to prolong the border control was made in accordance with articles 25 and 27 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 (codification) (Schengen Borders Code).

I would be grateful for Your support for this necessary measure.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'A' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Anders Ygeman
Minister for Home Affairs