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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 15 June 2020 regarding the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Iceland at the internal borders between 16 and 22 June 2020.

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Subject: Prolongation of border controls at the Icelandic internal borders.

To combat further spread of the Covid-19 virus, Icelandic authorities reintroduced internal border control at all internal borders (air and sea) for 10 days on 24 April 2020. The measure was prolonged for 11 days from 4 May 2020 and again for 20 days from 15 May 2020.

As other member states Iceland has slowly started to ease its restrictions and therefore thinks it is still necessary to prolong border controls at all internal borders in Iceland (air and sea borders). The prolongation is based on a risk assessment by the National Commissioner of the Icelandic Police and recommendations from the Icelandic Chief Epidemiologists on the ongoing need for mandated quarantine upon arrival. The prolongation is also necessary for the implementation of a Covid-19 screening mechanism intended for all travellers entering the country from 15 June. Therefore, pursuant to Art. 28. of Regulation 2016/399 on the rules governing the movements of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code), Iceland kindly informs the Commission that it will prolong border controls until 22 June 2020. I am however hopeful and optimistic that there will be no need for further prolongation of border controls after that date.

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