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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter from the Swedish Ministry of Justice received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 15 May 2017 concerning the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of borders controls by Sweden at its internal borders until 11 November 2017.

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Ministry of Justice
Minister for Home AffairsSecretary-General
Jeppe Tranholm Mikkelsen

Dear Secretary-General,

On 11 May 2017, the Council of the European Union, at the proposal of the European Commission, adopted a Council Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation for prolonging temporary internal border control in exceptional circumstances putting the overall functioning of the Schengen area at risk. The Implementing Decision recommends Sweden to maintain proportionate border control for a maximum period of six months at the harbours in Police Regions South and West and at the Öresund Bridge.

Pursuant to Article 29 (2) of the Schengen Borders Code¹, I would hereby like to inform you that the Swedish government has decided to apply the above mentioned Implementing Decision, given the reasons described by the Commission and the Council and considering that the deficiencies in the external border control risk resulting in that i.a. potential terrorists could enter into the Schengen territory unnoticed. Border control shall therefore be carried out on this basis at selected harbours in Police Regions South and West and at the Öresund Bridge, for a maximum period of six months, starting from 11 May. The border control is carried out as a last resort as alternative measures would not effectively remedy the identified threat. The control will be limited in scope, frequency, location and time to what is strictly necessary.

Yours sincerely,


Anders Ygeman
Minister for Home Affairs

¹ 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)