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

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**ROYAL NORWEGIAN
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SECURITY**

The Minister of Justice and Public Security

European Commission
European Parliament
General Secretariat of the Council

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Our ref.
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Prolongation of temporary border controls at internal borders

Reference is made to the adoption by the Council of the European Union on 11. May 2017 of an 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.

I hereby notify that Norway, pursuant to Article 29 (2) of 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, will apply the Implementing Decision allowing prolongation for a maximum period of six months as from 11. May 2017 of temporary border controls in ports with ferry connections to Germany, Denmark and Sweden.

Norway is concerned over the number of irregular migrants still present in parts of Europe, and considers it necessary to take steps to reduce the risk exposed by large secondary movements. Our aim is to avoid the entry of persons who do not fulfil the requirements for legal entry into Norway, while at the same time minimizing the impact on the free movement of persons and goods.

The situation concerning border security and national security is constantly reviewed, also by consulting neighbouring countries. I still find that temporary border controls, as mentioned above, remains necessary to achieve satisfactory internal security.

The controls are limited to what is strictly necessary. They are carried out in a targeted

manner, based on constantly updated risk analysis and intelligence. We will regularly examine and review the necessity, frequency, location and time of controls at the relevant border sections.

The Norwegian authorities will report to the Commission and the Council according to the Implementing Decision.

Yours sincerely



Per-Willy Amundsen