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Norway/Switzerland)

Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Spanish internal borders on the occasion of the forthcoming NATO Summit in Madrid between 22 June 2022 and 3 July 2022, and in accordance with Article 25 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 20 May 2022 regarding the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Spanish internal borders between 22 June 2022 and 3 July 2022.

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Madrid, May 20th, 2022

Dear Colleagues:

On June 28th, 29th and 30th, 2022, the NATO 2022 Summit will be held in the city of Madrid, an event that will bring together a total of fifty delegations made up of Heads of State, Heads of Government, Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Ministers of Defense, Chiefs of Staff and other delegates from the thirty NATO member countries, in addition to sixteen other invited countries, as well as the NATO General Secretariat and representatives of the European Union.

Among the threats associated with the holding of this event is the possible arrival of destabilizing elements from other parts of the Schengen area with the aim of provoking serious disturbances of public order and internal security.

This threat requires the adoption of exceptional security measures to prevent the entry into Spanish territory of those persons or groups. Such measures include the temporary reintroduction of controls at certain internal borders, as permitted by Article 25 et seq. of the Schengen Borders Code (approved by Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016).

I have therefore resolved to temporarily reintroduce internal border controls, which will be implemented in a flexible manner and by adapting their location, duration and intensity on the basis of updated information provided by the competent services.



The temporary reintroduction of controls will take place between 00:00 hours on 22 June and 00:00 hours on 3 July 2022, and will affect:

- Land borders with France and Portugal. None of the existing crossing points will be closed (by Spain).*
- Internal air borders of Madrid, Barcelona, Alicante, Bilbao, Girona, Málaga, Sevilla and Valencia.*
- Internal sea borders of Barcelona, Valencia and Málaga.*

Controls will be carried out in such a way as to cause the least possible disruption to the movement of people.

Yours sincerely,

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