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From: French delegation

To: Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee  
(EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)

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Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border controls at the French 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)

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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 26 May 2016 regarding the temporary reintroduction of border controls by France at its internal borders between 27 May and 26 July 2016.

**PERMANENT REPRESENTATION  
OF FRANCE  
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION**

The Ambassador

Brussels, 25 May 2016

Ref CAD: 2016-3780.17  
Ref SGAE: lcp428-2016

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a note from the French authorities reintroducing controls at internal borders with Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, the Swiss Confederation, Italy and Spain from 27 May to 26 July 2016.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to: Ms Christine ROGER

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## NOTE FROM THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES

**Subject:** Note from the French authorities reintroducing controls at the internal borders with Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, the Swiss Confederation, Italy and Spain from 27 May to 26 July 2016

**Ref.:** LCP/2016/428

France will soon be hosting two major sporting events on its mainland territory: UEFA Euro 2016 from 10 June to 10 July 2016, and the Tour de France from 2 to 24 July 2016.

Given the magnitude of these events and the millions of spectators they will attract from many countries, as well as the risk analysis which has been carried out, there is an expected risk of disturbances to public order arising from these events. This risk is heightened by the terrorist threat which France and the whole of Europe have been facing in recent months.

Therefore, pursuant to Articles 25(1) (formerly 23) and 27 (formerly 24) of the Schengen Borders Code, France has decided to reintroduce controls at its internal land borders with Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, the Swiss Confederation, Italy and Spain, as well as at air and sea borders, for the period from 27 May to 26 July 2016.

Accordingly, the French authorities wish to notify without delay the members of the Council of the European Union and the States involved in cooperation within the Schengen area of the reintroduction of border controls, as provided for in Article 27(5) (formerly 24) of the Schengen Borders Code.

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