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From: Norwegian delegation

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

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Subject: Reintroduction of border controls at the Norwegian 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 the letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 15 May 2023 regarding the reintroduction of temporary controls at the Norwegian internal borders as of 24 May 2023 to 4 June 2023.

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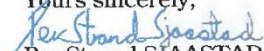
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Brussels, 15.05.2023

Dear Vice-President of the Commission,  
Dear Commissioner,  
Dear President of the European Parliament,  
Dear Secretary-General of the Council,  
Dear Sir/Madam,

Enclosed please find a letter from Ms Emilie MEHL, the Norwegian Minister of Justice and Public Security, dated 13 May 2023 concerning reintroduction of temporary controls at the Norwegian internal borders.

Yours sincerely,

  
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*Minister of Justice and Public Security*

European Commission  
European Parliament  
Secretary-General of the Council  
Member States of the Schengen Cooperation

Your ref.

Our ref.  
20/1379

Date  
13.05.2023

**Temporary controls at the Norwegian internal borders**

I have decided to temporarily reintroduce border controls at the internal borders in connection with the informal meeting between the NATO ministers of foreign affairs that will take place in Oslo from May 31<sup>st</sup> until 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2023.

The controls will be carried out from May 24<sup>th</sup> until 4<sup>th</sup> of June. Alternative measures are considered insufficient.

This decision has been reached, in accordance with article 25 of the Regulation (EU) no 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code). The border control may extend to all internal borders, and in particular the air borders. The measure will be limited to what is strictly necessary to respond to the threat to public policy and internal security.

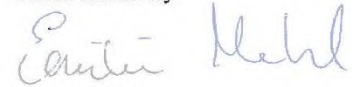
The serious threat to public policy and internal security in Norway will be considered high during the meeting. Our consideration is dominated by the current situation, and specifically the tense relationship between Russia and NATO.

This notification is made later than the stipulated 4 weeks prior notification foreseen in the Schengen Border Code. Our evolving assessment in this matter, has made the necessity more accurate, and I ask for your understanding of the circumstances giving rise to this reintroduction.

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The measure will be lifted when the meeting is finalized and will not be extended beyond the designated period of time.

Yours sincerely

  
Emilie Mehl

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