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Subject: Draft Council Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation for temporary internal border control in exceptional circumstances putting the overall functioning of the Schengen area at risk

Delegations will find enclosed the statement of the Republic of Hungary related to the draft Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation for temporary internal border control in exceptional circumstances putting the overall functioning of the Schengen area at risk.

Statement of the Republic of Hungary

Considering the Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation for temporary internal border control in exceptional circumstances putting the overall functioning of the Schengen area at risk, Hungary reiterates its position on the primary importance of strengthening the protection of the external borders of the Schengen Area, over that of temporary measures introduced at the internal borders. In order to return to a fully functioning Schengen Area at the earliest possibility, priority must be given to addressing the shortcomings identified in the implementation of the Schengen acquis by Greece as well as to the implementation of the Recommendations adopted by the Council in February.

Similarly, while recognizing the possible need to maintain border controls introduced by certain Member States at some parts of their internal borders, Hungary underlines the unavoidability and utmost significance of fully respecting the principles of necessity and proportionality, and that all subsequent controls must take place in full conformity with all conditions set out in the Union Code governing the movement of persons across borders and the provisions of the Council Implementing Decision.