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Subject:	Prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border control at the Maltese internal borders in accordance with Article 23 of Regulation (EC) 562/2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across border (Schengen Borders Code)

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 26 November 2015 concerning the prolongation of temporary reintroduction of border controls by Malta at internal borders from 30 November to 31 December 2015.

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25 November 2015

Dear *Jeppe,*

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Enclosed please find a copy of a letter from Hon. Carmelo Abela, Minister for Home Affairs and National Security addressed to Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship, dated 25 November 2015 concerning the continuation of internal border controls on the basis of Article 23 et seq. of Regulation (EC) 562/06 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 establishing a community Code on the Rules governing the movement of persons across borders at the airport and the sea passenger terminal (Schengen Borders Code) as last amended by Regulation (EC) 1051/2013.

A copy of this letter has also been sent to Klaus Welle, Secretary General of the European Parliament.

Yours sincerely

Marlene Bonnici
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Enclosures: Letter from Hon. Carmelo Abela, Minister for Home Affairs and National Security addressed to Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos, Commissioner Responsible for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship, dated 25 November 2015

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MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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Mr Dimitris Avramopoulos
European Commissioner
Responsible for Migration, Home Affairs & Citizenship

25th November 2015

Dear Commissioner,

Continuation of border controls on the basis of Article 23 et seq. of Regulation (EC) 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15th March 2006 establishing a Community Code on the Rules governing the movement of persons across borders at the airport and the sea passenger terminal (Schengen Borders Code) as last amended by Regulation (EC) 1051/2013 – EXTENSION OF DATES

Reference is made to my letter of the 14th November 2015 wherein I notified the reintroduction of border controls in line with the Schengen Borders Code until 29 November 2015, in view of the Valletta Conference on Migration that was held in Malta on the 11th and 12th November 2015 and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) of 27 - 29 November 2015.

In view of the current situation with regard to the global terrorist threat, as well as in view of the fact that Malta is in the process of addressing a smuggling ring that is currently targeting Malta as a destination for illegal migrants travelling from other Schengen States, Malta will be retaining border controls at the internal borders also after the 29 November 2015, until 31st December 2015. This is being done on the basis of Article 23 of the Schengen Borders Code, in view of the serious threat to public policy and internal security that is currently considered to exist.

Sincerely

Hon. Carmelo Abela MP
Minister for Home Affairs and National Security

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