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From: Danish delegation

To: Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee  
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Subject: Prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Danish internal borders in accordance with Articles 23 and 25 of Regulation (EC) 562/2006 establishing a Community 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 13 January 2016, concerning the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of borders controls by Denmark at its internal borders until 3 February 2016.

Minister for Immigration, Integration and Housing

Udlændinge-, Integrations-  
og Boligministeriet

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13 January 2016

Udlændinge-, Integrations- og  
Boligministeriet

Dear colleagues,

In accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1051/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013 amending Regulation (EC) No. 562/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council of 15 March 2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules of governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Border Code), the Danish Government has today notified the Commission that the Danish Government has decided to prolong the border control at the Danish internal borders until 3 February 2016.

The decision to temporarily reintroduce border control at the Danish internal borders was made due to the measures set in place by our neighbouring countries and particularly the measures set in place by Sweden. As a consequence of these measures, Denmark is faced with a serious risk to public order and internal security because a very large number of illegal immigrants might be stranded in the Copenhagen area within a short period of time.

On 7 January 2016, the Swedish Government decided to prolong the border control at the Swedish internal borders until 8 February 2016. Furthermore, the Swedish regulation obliging carriers to ensure that persons transported into Sweden are in possession of identity documents is still in force.

Since the Danish decision to temporarily reintroduce border controls, the number of immigrants crossing EU's southern external borders and continuing their journey further north remains very high. Combined with the Swedish regulation on carrier liability resulting in a de facto closed border for immigrants and asylum seekers with no identification, Denmark is still faced with a serious risk to public policy and internal security if the border control at the Danish internal borders were to be lifted at this point.

On this background, the Danish Government has today decided to prolong the border control at the Danish internal borders until 3 February 2016.

The border control may extend to all internal borders, including land-, sea- and air borders, whereby the specific border sections and border crossing points are determined by the Danish Police. The border control will, however, remain focused on the ferries arriving from Germany and the land border between Denmark and Germany. The scope of the control will remain limited to what is strictly necessary to respond to the threat to public policy and internal security.

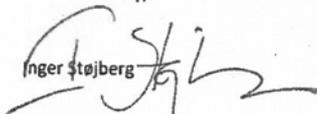
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The decision is made in accordance with Article 23 and 25 of the Schengen Border Code.

Yours sincerely,

  
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