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Subject:	Prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Norwegian internal borders in accordance with Article 24 of Regulation (EC) 562/2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the Council on 15 January 2016 concerning the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Norway at its internal borders until 14 February 2016.



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Prolongation of border control at Norwegian internal borders

Dear Madam /Sir

The Norwegian government decided on 25. November 2015 to temporary reintroduce border control at the Norwegian internal borders during the period 26. November at 08:00 hours to 6. December at 08:00 hours. The decision was made in order to remedy the serious threat to public policy and internal security posed by the consequences of the unpredictable migratory pressure and the ensuing challenges to the functioning of the Norwegian society. Other measures had been deemed insufficient. The border control has been prolonged twice.

Since our letter dated 18. December 2015, there has been a further decrease in the number of migrants applying for asylum in Norway. Although there has been a significant decrease in the number of migrants applying for asylum in Norway, we fear that the situation may change rapidly again if we abolish the introduced internal border control. We thereby find the conditions and reasoning in my letters dated 25. November and 18. December still to be valid.

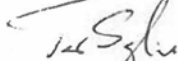
As notified in the previous letter, Norway has decided to further prolong the border control at internal borders. With reference to article 24 of the Schengen border code, border control at internal borders will continue to take place for 30 days until 14. February 2016 at 08:00 hours.

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The reintroduced border control will remain focused on ports with ferry connections from other Schengen-countries. The scope and intensity of the control measures will be limited to what is strictly necessary in order to respond to the serious threat to public policy and internal security. The border control may, however, extend to all internal borders, i.e. air, sea and land borders, if necessary.

I would be grateful if you would pass on this information to all states taking part in the Schengen cooperation. I also kindly invite the respective delegations to pass on the information to their relevant national authorities, media and public as they see fit.

Yours sincerely



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