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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 General Secretariat of the Council on 12 February 2016 concerning the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Norway at its internal borders until 15 March 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. The border control has since been prolonged three times.

Since our letter dated 14. January 2016, there has been a further decrease in the number of asylum seekers in Norway. However, we fear that this might change if the border controls are lifted. Furthermore, as explained in my letter to Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos dated 28. January 2016, the Schengen external borders and the established migrant routes intra Schengen are not sufficiently controlled by competent authorities at the moment, making illegal entry and secondary movements by unregistered migrants a factor of concern.

As a result, Norway has decided to further prolong the border control at the internal borders. Reference is made to article 24 of the Schengen Borders Code, and the controls will take place for 30 days until 15. March 2016.

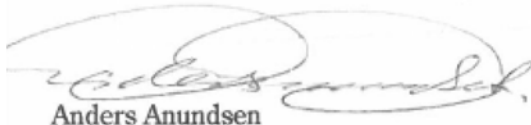
The controls will remain limited to the ports with ferry connections from other Schengen countries (Sweden, Denmark and Germany). Since 19. December 2015, the controls have been carried out based on a risk analysis, and with minimal impact on

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regular travellers and the principle of free movement. There have been no negative reactions from the public. I see this as a proportionate measure in the current situation. The border control may, however, extend to all borders i.e. air, sea and land borders if necessary.

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

Yours sincerely



Anders Anundsen

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