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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 15 March 2016 concerning the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Norway at its internal borders until 13 April 2016.

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Prolongation of border control at the Norwegian internal borders

Dear madam/sir

The Norwegian government decided to temporary reintroduce border control at the Norwegian internal borders from 26. November 2015. 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 four times.

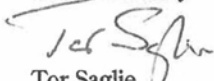
Since our letter dated 12.02.2016, the number of asylum seekers arriving in Norway continues to be low. However, we fear that this might change if the controls are lifted as the migratory pressure at the external border remains significant. As a result, Norway has decided to further prolong the border control at the internal borders. Reference is made to the Schengen Borders Code article 24. The controls will take place for 30 days, until 13. April 2016.

The controls will remain limited to the ports with ferry connections from other Schengen member states (Sweden, Denmark and Germany), and continue to be based on a risk assessment, with minimal impact on regular travelers. The border controls may, however, extend to all borders i.e. air, land and sea if necessary.

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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 on the information to their relevant national authorities, media and public as they see fit.

Yours sincerely


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