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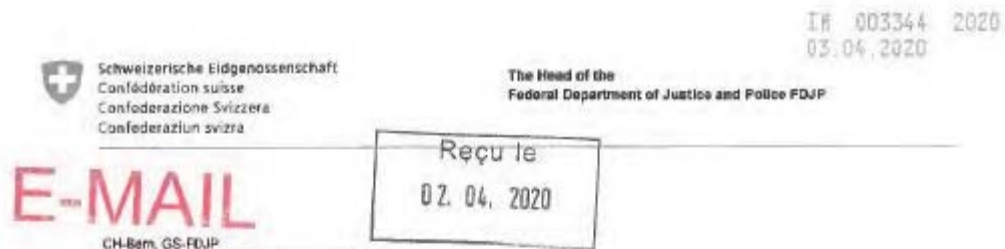
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Subject: Prolongation of temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Swiss borders in accordance with Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 3 April 2020 regarding prolongation of temporary reintroduction of border controls by Switzerland at border with all Schengen States except Liechtenstein (apart from the land and air borders with Austria, France, Germany, Italy and Spain which have been prolonged separately) between 4 and 23 April 2020.



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To the
 Ministers of Home Affairs of the Schengen States

Berne, 1 April 2020

Prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border control at the internal borders of Switzerland

Dear Vice-President of the Commission
 Dear Commissioner
 Dear Secretary-General of the Council
 Dear Madam / Sir

By the letter of 25 March I informed you about the extension of the temporary reintroduction of border controls to all internal borders of Switzerland (with the exception of the one to the Principality of Liechtenstein) in the light of the threat to public order and internal security posed by the spreading of the corona virus.

The situation in Switzerland and throughout Europe remains critical. The number of corona virus infections continue to increase in Switzerland and all over Europe. We, thus, need to continue to undertake all necessary measures in order to slow down the spreading of the virus, ensure the capacity of the medical facilities and protect the most vulnerable. This implies concretely that the border controls implemented by Switzerland must be maintained over the coming weeks.



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In application of article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code), Switzerland has therefore decided to prolong the border controls already reintroduced at the borders with all Schengen-States except the Principality of Liechtenstein (apart from the land and air borders with Austria, France, Germany, Italy and Spain which have been prolonged separately) as of 4 April, at 00:00 a.m., for 20 more days.

By maintaining these measures, Switzerland aims to prevent the disease from spreading too rapidly, which would endanger the ability to provide adequate care to the population and protect the most vulnerable people from the virus, while minimizing the impact of the measures on the free movement of persons.

Yours sincerely

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