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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 14 April 2020 regarding the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Lithuania at the internal borders between 13 and 27 April 2020.

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RE PROLONGATION OF INTERNAL BORDER CONTROL

Dear Colleagues,

In the notification of 14 March 2020, the Republic of Lithuania informed about the decision of the Government to temporarily reintroduce border control at all internal land, sea and air borders in accordance with Article 28 of the 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). In the notification of 24 March 2020, the Republic of Lithuania informed about the decision of the Government to prolong the temporary reintroduction of border control.

After thorough examination of the current situation and taking into account the trends as regards numbers of COVID-19 cases in Lithuania and across Europe, we find that the grounds for internal border control continue to be valid, making it necessary to prolong internal border control for a period of 14 days in accordance with the paragraph 3 of Article 28 of the Schengen Borders Code.

The prolongation of border control will take effect from 13th April 2020 18:00 and will last until 27th April 2020 24:00.

The border control will continue to be carried out at international airports, seaport of Klaipėda and the following land border crossing points (BCP): with Republic of Poland – Kalvarijos BCP, Lazdijų BCP and Šeštokų (Mockavos) BCP; with Republic of Latvia – Būtingės BCP, Salocijų BCP and Smėlynės BCP.

Please rest assured that the scope and duration of the internal border checks will be limited to what is strictly necessary and that we will continue to carefully monitor and assess the development of the situation, as well as the impact and proportionality of the measures taken.

Yours sincerely,

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