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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 4 May 2020 regarding prolongation of temporary reintroduction of border controls by Switzerland at the land- and air borders with all Schengen States except Liechtenstein between 2 May and 8 June 2020.

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To the
Ministers of Home Affairs of the Schengen States

Berne, 30 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 several letters in March and April I informed you about the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the internal borders of Switzerland (with the exception of the one to the Principality of Liechtenstein) and their prolongation because of the persistent threat to public order and internal security posed by the spreading of the corona virus.

Even if the situation in Switzerland seems to be slowly improving, we must remain vigilant. Switzerland has just started to test a first easing of the national restrictive measures. The maintenance of the controls at the borders is therefore indispensable in order to monitor the situation under this eased regime and to minimize the risk of a resurgence of the contagion rate. Concretely, this means that the border controls introduced by Switzerland must be further maintained.

In application of articles 27 and 28 of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 (Schengen Borders Code), Switzerland has therefore decided to prolong the border controls in place at the land and air

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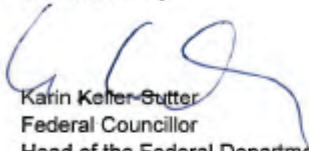


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borders with all Schengen-States except the Principality of Liechtenstein from 2 May, at 00:00 a.m. to 8 June.

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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