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From:	Norwegian delegation
To:	Working Party on Frontiers / Mixed Committee (EU-Iceland/Norway and Switzerland/Liechtenstein)
Subject:	Reintroduction of border controls at the Norwegian internal 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 the letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 14 October 2024 regarding the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Norwegian internal borders for ten days, from 12 October 2024 to 22 October 2024.

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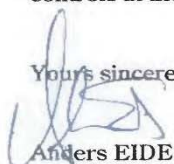
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Brussel, 14.10.2024

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

Enclosed please find a letter from Ms Benedicte BJØRNLAND, the Norwegian National Police Commissioner, dated 12 October 2024 concerning reintroduction of temporary controls at the Norwegian internal borders.

Yours sincerely,



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Our reference:
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Place, date:
Oslo, 12.10.2024

Temporary controls at the Norwegian internal borders

Please be informed that I have decided to temporarily reintroduce border controls at our internal borders.

The control will be carried out for 10 days, from 12 until 22 October 2024. Alternative measures are considered insufficient.

This decision has been reached in accordance with article 28 of the Regulation (EU) no 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code). The border control may extend to all internal borders, and in particular the land borders. The measure will be limited to what is strictly necessary to respond to the threat to public order and internal security.

I am aware that you have not received any notification prior to my decision. Our evolving assessment in this matter has made the necessity acute, and I ask for your understanding of the circumstances giving rise to this reintroduction. I have taken steps to communicate as soon as possible with Swedish police in particular, and I will continue to consult with them in the days to come.

The need for the immediate action is based on the serious threat to public order and internal security we are now facing. According to our assessment, there is a need for additional measures to remedy the threats related to travellers from other Schengen Member States. The Norwegian Police Security Service considers it possible that actors will attempt to carry out terrorist attacks against Jewish and Israeli targets in Norway. In addition, the situation is unclear and evolving.

In light of the increased terrorist threat, and the fact that there have been serious incidents in Stockholm and Copenhagen, we find the reintroduction of internal border control to be a proportionate measure. However, a concrete assessment must be made

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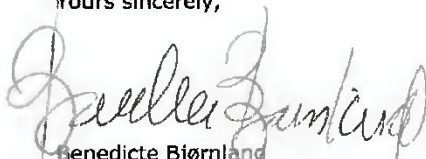
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of control measures and intensity. For example, it may be sufficient – and appropriate – to prioritize border surveillance over other controls at border crossing points.

Our consideration is dominated by the current situation, and specifically the tense relationship between criminal groups and the ongoing conflicts. This is especially related to the conflicts in the Middle East and the increased threat level in Norway. In addition, the national threat assessment from the Norwegian Police Security Service highlights this aspect, and the links to Norway are clearly visible.

The measure will be lifted when the risks are reduced, and will not be extended beyond the designated period of time unless the Norwegian Government decides differently.

Yours sincerely,



Benedicte Bjørnland
National Police Commissioner