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Delegations will find attached a copy of the letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 21 October 2024 regarding the prolongation of border controls at the Norwegian internal borders for 20 days, from 22 October 2024 to 11 November 2024.

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The Ambassador

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Brussel, 21.10.2024

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 Emilie MEHL, the Norwegian Minister of Justice and Public Security, dated 22 October 2024 concerning reintroduction of temporary controls at the Norwegian internal borders.

Yours sincerely,

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21.10.2024

Temporary controls at the Norwegian internal borders

Dear colleagues,

On October 11, the National Police Commissioner decided, in accordance with her authority in situations where immediate action is required, to temporarily reintroduce border controls at our internal borders for a period of 10 days, from 12 until 22 October 2024. This decision has been reached in accordance with Schengen Borders Code articles 28 and 26.

I have now decided to prolong the border control at our internal borders for additional 20 days, from 22 October until 11 November 2024. I have made this decision in order to effectively counter the likely threat from state supported terrorists and proxy actors from exploiting the free movement in the Schengen area.

This measure is necessary in order to mitigate a threat against especially Jewish and Israeli persons and institutions. Alternative measures are considered insufficient.

The Norwegian Police Security Service deems the extent of the threat to still need further clarification. The service considers it likely that actors will attempt to carry out terrorist attacks against Jewish and Israeli persons and interests in Norway.

My consideration is further dominated by the current situation, especially incidents in Stockholm and Copenhagen, and the possible connection between Foreign State actors

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trying to recruit criminals as proxies and as a mean related to the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East.

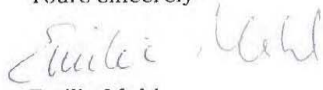
The border control may extend to all internal borders but will be limited to what is strictly necessary to respond to the threat to public policy and internal security.

However, a concrete assessment will be made of control measures and intensity. The Norwegian Police does its utmost to prioritize border surveillance over physical controls at border crossing points, in order for the cross-border traffic to flow as unimpeded as possible, thus ensuring the measure to be proportionate.

Information on the measures at the Norwegian internal borders is exchanged with neighbouring countries on a regular basis, both on a strategic and operative level.

The measure will be lifted when the risk is mitigated.

Yours sincerely



Emilie Mehl

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