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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 5 June 2020 regarding prolongation of temporary reintroduction of border controls by Switzerland at the land- and air borders with all Schengen States except Liechtenstein between 9 and 15 June 2020.

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To the
Ministers of Home Affairs of the Schengen States

Berne, 6 June 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.

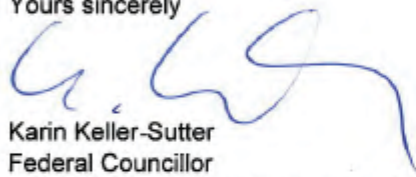
The current epidemiological situation has calmed down considerably compared to the situation in March and April. Therefore, first steps towards normalisation have already been successfully implemented. In line with the EU's efforts to lift internal border controls as soon as the epidemiological situation allows, Switzerland has already implemented the first easing of entry restrictions in close coordination with its neighbouring countries Germany and Austria, opened border crossings that had previously been closed and moved from systematic to risk based border controls.

Nevertheless, the time has not yet come to completely lift border controls. If the epidemiological situation so allows, this step is however already planned to be taken on 15 June 2020 - in parallel with the lifting of border controls by these countries with regard to Switzerland.

In the meantime, the special entry requirements and their control at the internal border will continue to be important elements in preventing a renewed flare-up of infections and in isolating any possible cases of infection quickly and successfully. 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 borders with all Schengen-States except the Principality of Liechtenstein from 9 June, at 00:00 a.m. to 15 June.

Yours sincerely



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