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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 14 July 2020 regarding the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Lithuania at the sea and air borders between 17 July and 15 August 2020.

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RE PROLONGATION OF INTERNAL BORDER CONTROL AT SEA AND AIR BORDERS

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 6 May 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 Articles 25 and 27 of Schengen Borders Code.

In the notification of 28 May 2020, the Republic of Lithuania informed about the decision of the Government to prolong the border control until 16 June 2020 and to lift the border control at internal land border with the Republic of Latvia as of 1 June 2020.

In the notification of 11 June 2020, Republic of Lithuania informed about the decision of the Government to prolong the border control at sea and air borders until 16 July 2020 and to lift the border control at internal land border with the Republic of Poland as of 12 June 2020.

While internal border control at sea and air borders is still in place, Lithuania lifted travel restrictions for citizens and legal residents of all European Economic Area countries, the United Kingdom and Swiss Confederation, if the incidence of COVID-19 in the past 14 days is not exceeding 25 per 100 000 of population. The list of such countries is updated on a weekly basis. After thorough examination of the epidemiological situation in the Republic of Lithuania and



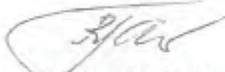
across Europe based on most recent information and data evidence, the Government of the Republic of Lithuania concluded that the grounds for internal border control at sea and air borders continue to be valid, making it necessary to prolong border control at sea and air borders in accordance with the paragraph 3 of Article 25 of Schengen Borders Code.

The prolongation of border control at sea and air borders will take effect from 17 July 2020 00:00 and will last until 15 August 2020 24:00.

The border control will be carried out at international airports and the seaport of Klaipėda.

Please rest assured that the scope and duration of the internal border control will be limited to what is strictly necessary. If the epidemiological situation allows, the border control at sea and air borders will be lifted earlier than the foreseen deadline of 15 August 2020. The Republic of Lithuania 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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