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Subject: Prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Danish internal borders in accordance with Articles 25 and 27 of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)

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Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 14 October 2021 regarding the prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls by Denmark at the internal borders between 12 November 2021 and 11 May 2022.

Internal border controls related to COVID-19 will be lifted as of 25 October 2021.



Date: 14 October 2021

Dear colleagues,

Please be informed that the Danish Government, in accordance with the provisions in Article 25 and 27 of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of 9 March 2016 (Schengen Borders Code), has decided to temporarily reintroduce border controls at the internal borders. The reintroduction of border control at the Danish internal borders will be carried out for 6 months as from 12 November 2021.

The persistent and significant threat to our public order and internal security caused by militant Islamists and organized criminals who are able to exploit the free mobility within the Schengen area continues to be of grave concern for the Danish Government.

Against this backdrop and after careful consideration, the Danish Government considers the temporary internal border controls as a necessary and effective measure to address these threats to public order and internal security.

Please also be informed, that the internal border control due to COVID-19 will be lifted as of 25 October 2021.

The border control may extend to all internal borders, including land, sea and air borders, whereby the specific border sections and border crossing points are determined by the Danish National Police. After 25 October 2021, the border control will focus on the Danish-German land border, the Danish-Swedish land border (Øresundsforbindelsen) and the Danish ports with ferry connection to Germany or Sweden.

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Please rest assured that the scope of the internal border checks will continue to be limited to what is deemed strictly necessary to respond to the threat to our public order and internal security.

In accordance with the Schengen Borders code, the Danish Government has notified the European Commission about this decision.

Yours sincerely,



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