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from: Polish delegation

to: Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee
(EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)

Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border controls at the Polish internal borders in accordance with Articles 23(1) and 24 of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)
- UEFA EURO 2012

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 7 May 2012 regarding temporary reintroduction of border controls by Poland at its internal borders between 4 June 2012 at 00h00 and 1 July 2012 at 24h00 for the UEFA EURO 2012.

Permanent Representation
of the Republic of Poland
to the European Union
in Brussels

Brussels, 4 May 2012

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Mr. Uwe Corsepius
Secretary - General
Council of the European Union

Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders in Poland

Dear Secretary - General, *Dear Uwe,*


In accordance with Article 23(1) and Article 24 of the Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) the Polish Government decided to reintroduce border control at its internal borders with respect to the forthcoming UEFA EURO 2012 Football Championships (8 June – 1 July).

Between the 4th June 2012 at 00h00 and 1st July 2012 at 24h00 border control will be reintroduced at all border crossing points on Polish internal borders in order to minimize the risk of a serious threat to public policy and internal security in connection with this event.

I would be grateful if you could forward this information to all Member States and Schengen Associated Countries.

Please find attached a letter from the Minister of Interior concerning this issue.

Yours sincerely,


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**MINISTER
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Warsaw, 4 May 2012

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**Mr. Uwe Corsepius
Secretary – General
of the Council of the European
Union**

Dear Secretary General,

Increased security requirements on the occasion of the European Football Championship which Poland is hosting from 8 June 2012 to 1 July 2012, together with Ukraine, have led me to reintroduce border controls at the internal borders, in accordance with Article 23 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (the Schengen Borders Code), with a view to preventing serious threats to public policy or security.

From 4 June 2012 until 1 July 2012 i.e. for the duration of the event border checks, adapted to the circumstances justifying them, will again take place at all border crossing points along the land and sea borders (with the Federal Republic of Germany, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, and the Republic of Lithuania) and at the air borders. While Article 23 of the Schengen Borders Code is being applied, the scope and duration of the border checks will be restricted to the extent necessary.

It is not planned to make these checks round the clock, at all border crossings; they are to be flexible in time and location, depending on the respective games, the fans' prospective travel routes and other relevant findings. The scale and intensity of these random border checks will not exceed what is necessary for security in each case. Depending on the risk analyzes, such checks are not to be carried out permanently or comprehensively but in a flexible manner as to time and place.

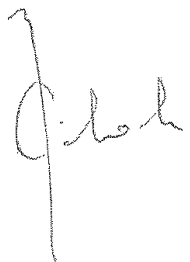
This measure is necessary to enable the Polish border control bodies to discharge their tasks in full at the internal borders. The aim in particular is to prevent the entry of potentially dangerous fans prone to violence from and via neighboring European countries and to help make this major sporting event trouble-free.

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While border crossing will normally continue to be allowed all along internal borders, travelers may experience border control checks at any point on them.

I would be most grateful if you would pass on this information to the Members of the Council of the European Union and associated States applying the Schengen acquis and are being requested to cooperate closely in putting this measure into effect.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. L. L.', written in a cursive style.