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to: Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee
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Subject: Report on the temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders in accordance with Articles 23 and 24(1) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 13 August 2012 regarding temporary reintroduction of border controls by Poland at its internal borders between 4 June 2012 and 1 July 2012.



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in Brussels

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General Secretariat of the Council of
the European Union

Dear Sir,

In accordance with Article 29 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 authorities hereby report on the reintroduction of border control at its internal borders from 4 June to 1 July 2012 that was found necessary due to the EURO 2012 European Football Championships as notified by a letter of 4 May 2012. The details are indicated in the attached report.

Attachment:

Report to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders in Poland under Article 23 and 24 (1) of the Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)

Yours sincerely

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The measure was applied at Polish internal land borders with the Federal Republic of Germany, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic and the Republic of Lithuania as well as sea and air borders.

The arrangements in place involved the deployment of 1074 border guards and fleet of 257 vehicles supported by 260 police officials, 116 customs officials, 169 gendarmes and 34 road transport inspectors, and their fleets of 133 vehicles in total. Additionally, in the framework of cooperation with the neighbouring Member States 129 foreign border officials assisted in border checks as observers and 149 joint patrols on the side of the neighbouring Member States were organized in order to contribute to tipping vehicles for control.

The results of the operation are as follows. Altogether, in the reported period there were checked 28.980 persons who travelled on 7.217 vehicles, 221 planes, 19 trains and 5 ferries, of which:

- at the Polish-Lithuanian border: 1.806 persons and 693 vehicles;
- at the Polish-Slovak border: 1.061 persons and 130 vehicles;
- at the Polish-Czech border: 15.655 persons and 3.289 vehicles;
- at the Polish-German border: 8.625 persons and 3.105 vehicles;
- at sea border: 74 persons;

- at air border crossing points: 1.759 persons.

The number of persons refused entry: **DELETED**

This temporary reintroduction of internal border controls had an important preventive effect and contributed to the smooth running of the EURO 2012 European Football Championships, which passed without any significant incident.