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From: German delegation  
To: Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee  
(EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)

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Subject: Prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of border controls at the German internal borders in accordance with Article 25 of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)

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**TRANSLATION PROVIDED BY GERMAN DELEGATION**

Delegations will find attached a copy of a letter of 22 September 2015 received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 8 October 2015, concerning a prolongation of the temporary reintroduction of borders controls by Germany at internal borders.

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Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen  
Secretary-General of the Council  
of the European Union  
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Dear Secretary-General,

Following my letter of 13 September 2015, I would hereby like to inform you that after careful consideration the temporary reintroduction of border checks at Germany's internal borders, with a special focus on the German-Austrian border, in accordance with Article 25 of Regulation (EC) No. 562/2006 (Schengen Borders Code), last amended by Regulation (EU) No. 1051/2013, will be extended by a further 20 days. Please rest assured that the scope and intensity of the border checks will be limited to the level required by actual security needs.

The situation remains the same: The massive influx of third-country nationals continues unabated. For reasons of public safety and public order, a structured procedure, especially in terms of registration and vetting of third-country nationals, continues to be urgently necessary. Especially in view of the thousands of third-country nationals coming to Germany from crisis and conflict regions, we must avoid security deficits, wherever possible in practice and by law, for the benefit of our citizens.

This measure is therefore imperative. If the uncontrolled and unmanageable influx of third-country nationals continued unabated, our internal security and public order would be at risk.

In addition to the First Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner Avramopoulos, I will also pass on this information to all member states of the European Union and the Schengen Agreement.

I kindly ask you to support this decision.

Yours sincerely,  
[signed]  
Dr Thomas de Maizière