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"We note with great regret that today the Danish government has decided to re-introduce customs and border controls at the German and Swedish borders. Threats to public order or national security will not be effectively met by purely national border measures but must be based on an EU approach that focuses on strengthening the external borders and European co-operation, while maintaining all the benefits of free movement within the Schengen area." said **ALDE President Guy Verhofstadt**. ALDE will demand that the European Commission immediately take action to assess whether the Danish measures are in line with the letter and spirit of EU law governing free movement. In the view of the Liberal group in the European Parliament the EU cannot and must not accept any attempt to roll back the EU Treaty, either for free

movement of goods or persons at internal borders.

"Even if the Danish measures from a legal point were to be found within the Treaty provisions, they go completely against its spirit, thus undermining one of the greatest EU achievements. And they certainly are contrary to the Liberal vision of a borderless Europe and marks a very worrying threat to the essence of EU integration". added **Renate Weber (PNL, Romania)** ALDE coordinator in the Civil liberties Committee.

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