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From: German delegation

To: Working Party on Frontiers/Mixed Committee
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Subject: Temporary reintroduction of border controls at the German internal borders in accordance with Article 23(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 the letter received by the General Secretariat of the Council on 23 April 2015 regarding temporary reintroduction of border controls by Germany at its internal borders between 26 May - 15 June 2015.

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Dear Mr Corsepius,

The increased security requirements during the G7 summit of the Heads of State or Government of participating countries on 7 and 8 June 2015 in Elmau have led me to decide to reintroduce border controls at the German intra-Schengen borders in accordance with Article 23(1) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 (Schengen Borders Code), last amended by (Amending) Regulation (EU) No 1051/2013. These requirements also apply to political conferences thematically related to the G7 summit, held in the run-up to and in the wake of the event.

In the period from 26 May to 15 June 2015, border controls will be conducted at certain German land, air and sea borders within the Schengen area. The scale and intensity of the border controls will be limited to the level necessary for security at any given time. It is envisaged that the controls will be conducted subject to police intelligence, not on a permanent or nationwide basis, but flexibly in terms of time and place. Controls are likely to be focused on the German-Austrian border and, in view of the specialised ministerial meetings in Dresden and Moritzburg prior to the summit, the German-Czech border. Therefore, only sporadic disruptions to cross-border traffic are to be expected.

This measure is necessary in light of the threat scenarios arising from an international summit, in particular the generally increased Islamist terrorist threat following the most recent attacks in Brussels, Paris and Copenhagen and taking into account the major riots coinciding with the opening of the European Central Bank's new building in Frankfurt am Main on 18 March 2015. In particular, potential perpetrators of violence should be prevented from travelling to the venue in Germany, to help ensure that the summit passes without incident. In principle, border crossings along the whole internal border will continue to be permitted; travellers should however be prepared for controls by the border police at any point.

In addition to the First Vice-President of the European Commission and the President of the European Parliament, I will inform all Member States that apply the Schengen acquis of this measure and request their close cooperation in implementing it.

I would like to ask you to support this decision by Germany. I would be grateful if you could treat the specific period of the border controls as confidential, to avoid encouraging potential perpetrators of violence to bring forward their travel dates.

(Complimentary close)
