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**Ministry of Justice Sweden**

Minister for Home Affairs

Commissioner for Migration,  
Home Affairs and Citizenship  
Dimitris Avramopoulos

Dear Commissioner,

In accordance with the recommendation set out by the Council Decision of 11 November 2016, please accept this first of our monthly reports regarding the temporary reintroduction of internal border control in Sweden.

Sweden continuously reviews the border control at our internal borders in adherence with the recommendations of the Council. The situation for vital society functions such as social services and the public health care system is still strained due to the migration situation of last year. Our conclusion is therefore that internal border control is still necessary in order to address the serious threat to public policy and internal security that still exist.

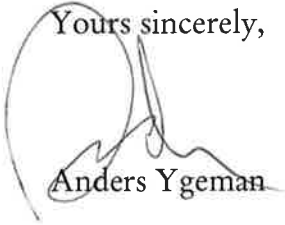
The total number of persons crossing the border sections is estimated to be at an average of 400 000 persons per week, although this can vary greatly. There are still no clear statistics available regarding delays for the general public and the commercial flow. With regards to the car and ferry traffic the delays are very minor. The checks performed at Hyllie train station are carried out during the trains scheduled stop but prolong the waiting time for each train with an average of up to ten minutes.

The controls are still performed on a strict basis of necessity and proportionality with regard to the serious threat and the specific characteristics of each border section. The number of checks being carried out now varies between 0 -99 % of all persons passing through a specific internal border crossing point. The Police Authority adapts the intensity and frequency of the checks according to need, and their

operational priorities. Border checks are still being carried out at Öresund Bridge and at the harbours of Trelleborg, Malmö and Helsingborg in the Police Region South. In the Police Region West, border checks are performed at Gothenburg Harbour.

Please find the relevant figures for the month of November enclosed. All figures regarding the number of persons crossing, the number of checks performed, and the percentage of persons being checked are estimates.

Yours sincerely,



Anders Ygeman

Temporarily reintroduced internal border control figures for  
November 2016

*Number of persons checked*

Week 45: 219 775

Week 46: 195 026

Week 47: 170 165

Week 48: 166 974

Total number of persons checked: 751 940

*Number of removal decisions in connection with checks*

Week 45: 40

Week 46: 41

Week 47: 53

Week 48: 54

Total number of removal decisions: 188

*Number of applications for asylum in connection with checks*

Week 45: 2

Week 46: 2

Week 47: 5

Week 48: 0

Total number of applications for asylum in connection with checks: 9

*Number of asylum applications for Sweden as a whole*

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