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The Commission recognises the challenges posed by security threats and unauthorised secondary migration and is committed to addressing their root causes.

As concerns refusals of entries at the internal border, the Commission is in close contact with the German authorities and with the authorities of all Member States concerned to obtain the necessary information on measures taken and their practical implementation.

Given the recent notification of a prolongation of internal border controls by Germany, the Commission, under Article 27a (3) of the Schengen Borders Code, has initiated a consultation process with Germany and its neighbouring countries. In this context, the Commission continues to stress the importance of both mitigating and alternative measures¹.

At this point, the Commission considers that the above-mentioned consultation process is the most appropriate approach to encourage Member States to take alternative measures and phase out internal border controls.

¹ Commission Recommendation (EU) 2024/268 of 23 November 2023 on cooperation between the Member States with regard to serious threats to internal security and public policy in the area without internal border controls. C(2023) 8139 final.