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FRENCH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANNOUNCE THE CLOSING OF SCHENGEN BORDERS

FOR 30 DAYS FROM MARCH 17

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Given the dynamics of the epidemic, French people who have their habitual residence outside the European area and who can are invited, for health reasons, to avoid international travel as much as possible and to limit their movements within 30 days to come. I invite those who deem it necessary in light of their health conditions to make themselves known to our embassies and consulates. With regard to French people currently on temporary trips abroad, since more and more countries are taking measures, often with very short notice, to interrupt air links to France, we advise them again, when they can, take the necessary measures for their rapid return to France as long as the commercial lines remain open. I have asked our embassies and consulates to arrange a telephone response to answer your questions. I ask all transport companies, especially airlines, to maintain the necessary connections. I have already obtained from several of my counterparts the extension of authorizations for this purpose. The Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs is fully mobilized to implement the President´s announcements.

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