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Federal Constitution of the Swiss Confederation

of 18 April 1999 (Status as of 1 January 2020)

Art. 185 External and internal security

1 The Federal Council takes measures to safeguard external security, independence and neutrality of Switzerland.

2 It takes measures to safeguard internal security.

3 It may in direct application of this Article issue ordinances and rulings in order to counter existing or imminent threats of serious disruption to public order or internal or external security. Such ordinances must be limited in duration.
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Approval, Oversight, Emergency Legislation in its own Right
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IV. Limited Composition or Video Conferences?