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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations

Subject: Outcome of proceedings of the Security Committee meeting held on 16
November 2021

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1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda set out in CM 5155/3/21 REV 3 was adopted with the following item added under AOB:

- Request by the Netherlands to be informed about threats to EUCI for the purpose of the review of the Council Security Rules.

2.* Implementation of the EU-UK Security of Information Agreement

a) Draft report on security arrangements in place for protecting EU classified information in the United Kingdom

The Committee examined a draft report on security arrangements in place for protecting EU classified information in the UK. After a short discussion on an outstanding issue, the Committee endorsed the text of the draft report as contained in the annex to WK 13011/21 REV 1 (R-UE/EU-R).

The Council Secretariat informed the Committee that it will report to the Working Party on the United Kingdom (WPUK) on 19 November on the conclusions and recommendations of the draft report. Once the WPUK provides political guidance, the report will be sent to the UK counterparts with the aim of finalising the negotiations on the implementation of the EU-UK security of information agreement before the Christmas break.

b) Draft Implementing Arrangement for the EU-UK Security of Information Agreement

The EEAS presented to the Committee the latest draft of implementing arrangement for the EU-UK Security of Information Agreement. The new version contained mainly changes of legal-linguistic nature as well as some modifications resulting from the findings of the security assessment visit carried out in the UK.

The Committee endorsed the draft as contained in WK 12929/21 REV 1. The EEAS informed the Committee that the draft text will be sent to the WPUK in order to receive political guidance after which the implementing arrangement will be sent to the UK for final approval.

3. Review of the Council Security Rules: management of classified information**

The Committee opened the chapter of the Council Security Rules (CSR) that deals with the management of classified information on the basis of a discussion paper contained in WK 12874/21. The discussion started with the issues of general nature in order to define the scope and main principles of the chapter under review.

Delegations agreed that the present focus of this chapter on protective measures for controlling EU classified information throughout its life-cycle should be maintained.

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Regarding the provisions on assessment visits, the Committee shared the view of the Council Secretariat that these provisions should be moved from this chapter to the general part of the CSR.

On the question of classified meetings, the Committee indicated that the organisational measures, and in particular the question of responsibility for this type of meetings should be covered in the CSR.

Finally, delegations acknowledged the need to reconsider the differentiation of management requirements for classification levels, in particular for the level CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL. In this regard, some delegations suggested to look at classification levels from the perspective of threats.

The discussion on the chapter on management of classified information will continue at the next Committee's meeting with the focus on more specific questions.

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4. Any other business

a) Letter sent by the Commission to the European Space Agency on the creation of EUCI by the Agency

The Commission informed the Committee that it had sent a letter to the European Space Agency (ESA) on 25 October 2021 (text of the letter in WK 13609/21). **DELETED**



- b) Draft arrangement between the European Parliament, the Council and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy concerning access by the European Parliament to classified information held by the Council and the European External Action Service in the area of the common foreign and security policy**

The Chair informed delegations that the Committee had approved by means of a written consultation a draft letter addressed to the Chair of the Working Party on General Affairs (GAG) as set out in WK 13673/21. The Chair will present the Committee's view on the European Parliaments' position on the draft Arrangement as set out in the letter at the GAG meeting on 16 November.

c) Request by the Netherlands to be informed about threats to EUCI for the purpose of the review of the Council Security Rules

The Netherlands asked that the Committee is informed about threats to EUCI so they can be taken into account during the review of the Council Security Rules. **DELETED**

* Representatives of EASO, EDA, Eurojust, Europol, EUSPA, Frontex and SatCen were invited to attend the discussion on this item (doc. 13453/1/21 REV 1).

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