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Subject:	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 - Revised draft opinion of the Council Security Committee

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- Delegations will find in the Annex a revised draft opinion which is based on the outcome of discussion that took place in the Council Security Committee on 6 February 2024 and on additional written input received from the French delegation (WK 2210/24).
- The changes comparing to the previous version (doc. 5953/24) are indicated in **bold underline** for a new text and in ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted text. They can be found in:
 - paragraph 5, text of recital 12b** – words ‘and the EEAS’ (security rules)’ were added to align the text with Article 3 of the Draft Arrangement;
 - point II of the draft opinion** – reference to Article 4(2)(b), second subparagraph was clarified; **in paragraph 8** the compromise text is proposed for deletion and is shown for clarity;
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- **additional point VII of the opinion** sets out a request for the GAG to take into account the commitment of CSC to maintain the current clear distinction between procedures for access to classified information in the areas of CFSP and CSDP (**DELETED**).

3. Delegations are invited to discuss this revised draft opinion at the next CSC meeting on 12-13 March 2024 with a view to its endorsement.

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