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## NOTE

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From: The Presidency  
To: The Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)  
Subject: Secure videoconferencing system for the European Council and the Council

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### I. BACKGROUND

1. To improve the security posture of the European Council and the Council, in June 2021 Coreper agreed to launch a secure videoconferencing (VTC) project to equip the President and members of the European Council, the Permanent Representations, and Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Member States and the Commission with a videoconferencing solution capable of handling EU classified information up to and including the level of SECRET UE/EU SECRET (see doc. ST 9457/21 + COR1).

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## II. STATUS OF THE SECURE VIDEOCONFERENCING PROJECT

4. GSC has been implementing the secure videoconferencing project on the basis agreed by Coreper in 2021, including the steps for full system accreditation, working closely with the Council's Coordination Committee for Communication and Information Systems (Coordination Committee for CIS) and the Council's Security Committee and its relevant subgroups.

5. Based on the high-level business requirements, the high level business security requirements, a high and low level design have been produced and agreed by the Coordination Committee for CIS, and cryptographic specifications have been drawn up and agreed by the Council's Security Committee.

6. In parallel, the envisaged solution has undergone technical and functional operational testing.

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8. At its regular meetings, the Coordination Committee for CIS has been tracking progress, providing guidance and taking note of planning updates. **DELETED**

## III. PROJECT CHANGES

9. During the planning phase, GSC investigated the requirements for deploying the system in the Secretariat's environment as well as that in Member States. **DELETED**

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**IV. UPDATED PLANNING AND BUDGET**

14. As detailed above, the GSC has consistently been working to achieve the best overall value for money for Member States. **DELETED**



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## V. GUIDANCE BY COREPER

19. Delegations in the Coordination Committee for CIS have supported the project since it was launched by Coreper. Given the recent changes to project requirements, cost and duration, the Presidency considered in the light of discussions in the Antici Group that consideration of the status of the project by Coreper would be timely.
  20. The Presidency accordingly invites Coreper to take stock of the status of the project as part of the wider context of security improvements in the Council, and to confirm the orientation for further work in the light of the operational planning and budgetary information set out above.
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