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From: Presidency
To: Working Party on Civil Protection (CER)

Subject: Presidency discussion questions - Union Action Plan on cable security

Delegations will find attached the abovementioned document.

PRESIDENCY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

in view of the exchange of views on the Union Action Plan on cable security
(taking place on PROCIV CER on 18 March)¹

1. Do you believe that the EU Action Plan on Cable Security comprehensively addresses all relevant threats and vulnerabilities regarding the security of submarine cables? Are there any gaps or areas that require further attention in the EU Action Plan ?
2. Which actions of the Action Plan do you wish to see prioritised?
3. Do you think that there is today a lack of integrated situational awareness regarding underwater cables during business as usual as well as during crises times? What are your views regarding an “Integrated Surveillance Mechanism for Submarine cables” as proposed by the Action Plan? What key aspects and or conditions do you consider should be taken into account in its development?
4. What are your views about the notion of the Action Plan of establishing a “multi-purpose EU Cable Vessels Reserve Fleet”, ready for use in emergencies, to deploy or repair submarine electric or optical cables connecting EU territories?

¹ The following Working Parties are invited to that discussion: Working Party on Telecommunications and Information Society, PROCIV WP, Horizontal Working Party on Enhancing Resilience and Countering Hybrid Threats, and Horizontal Working Party on Cyber Issues.