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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on information security in the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union - Opinion of the Council Security Committee (courtesy translation of doc. 10231/22)

Delegation will find attached a courtesy translation into English of the "I" item note on the above-mentioned subject, provided by the Presidency.

The "I" item note can be found in doc. 10231/22.

Courtesy translation

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on security of information in the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union - opinion of the Council Security Committee

1. In accordance with the mandate received from the Permanent Representatives Committee on 1 April 2022, the Council Security Committee has prepared a first opinion on the general scheme of the Commission proposal and the main difficulties identified (see doc. 10091/22).
2. Eight areas of concern have been identified by the Council Security Committee that need to be addressed during the detailed examination of the Commission proposal:
 - the balance between the objective of common security rules and the "internal organisational power" of the institutions;
 - the level of detail of the common rules, and the latitude left to each organisation in their implementation;
 - the relationship between the inter-institutional coordination group on information security and the existing security committees;
 - the importance of ensuring that future rules are without prejudice to the role and prerogatives of the Council under the Treaties;
 - the role of the Member States in the protection of classified information;
 - the possible impact of the future rules on the national legislative and regulatory framework;
 - the necessity to take into account the work currently under way to revise the Council's security rules;
 - the need to examine the consequences of including non-classified and classified information in a single regulation.

On each of these points, work will continue at the level of the Council Security Committee.

3. The Antici Group examined the opinion of the Council Security Committee at its meeting on 14 June 2022. It recommended to the Permanent Representatives Committee to ask the Council Security Committee to continue its work on the different issues identified by preparing detailed amendment proposals.
 4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to confirm its agreement to the proposed approach and to mandate the Council Security Committee to continue its work in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3.
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