



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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From: Council Security Committee

To: COREPER / Council

Subject: Council Decision on the security rules for protecting EU classified information

1. The current Council Security Rules entered into force on 27 May 2011¹. Since then, the context in which the Decision is applied has evolved (the EEAS has become fully operational, relations between the European Parliament and the Council have progressed on access by the European Parliament to classified information and Croatia has become a member of the European Union).
2. The Council Security Committee accordingly recommends a number of technical amendments to the rules in order to fully reflect the Lisbon Treaty, the recent enlargement and other points where consensus exists on the need for technical updating.

¹ OJ L 141, 27.5.2011, p. 17.

3. On 21 June, the Council Security Committee finalised:
- a consolidated draft Council Decision on the security rules for protecting EU classified information; and
 - four declarations for the minutes of the Council at which the above Decision is adopted.
4. In the light of the above and following confirmation by COREPER, the Council is invited to:
- adopt the Council Decision on the security rules for protecting EU classified information as set out, after legal-linguistic review, in document 9829/13; and
 - decide to enter the statements set out in Addendum 1 to this note in its minutes and agree that they should be public.
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