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Subject : Outcome of the SIS II second milestone test

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1. The JHA Council concluded on 4-5 June 2009 that the development of SIS II should continue on the basis of the current project subject to the successful outcome of two "*milestones*".
2. The aim of the milestones, as laid down in the Annex to the aforesaid Council Conclusions, is to prove the stability, reliability and performance of the central system and the proper functioning of vital core functionalities such as data consistency and reliable message transfer.
3. The first run of the first milestone test took place between 21 and 24 January 2010, with a re-run of the said test taking place between 2 and 5 March 2010. The outcome of the test was considered "passed" as described in document 8391/10 JAI 289 SIRIS 62 COMIX 287.
4. The Mixed Committee at Ministerial level on 23 April 2010 took note of the results of Milestone 1 test. AT and DE formulated a dissenting opinion and their views were shared by FR.

5. During the JHA Council on 13th /14th December 2011, 8th March 2012 and during the meeting of COREPER on 30th May 2012 DE stated that it would only accept the validation of the second milestone if all prerequisites stipulated in Council Conclusions of June 2009 were respected, which DE considers not to be the case.
6. The test for the second milestone was run between 2 and 7 May 2012, with preparations starting on 25 April.
7. The technical analysis of the test results (see document 12000/12 CATS 51 SIS-TECH 66 COMIX 417) was assessed and validated by the Commission together with the SIS II Global Program Management Board and the SIS II Task Force in a common meeting on 26 June 2012 concluding that the second milestone has been passed successfully.
8. In keeping with the Council conclusions of June 2009 the Presidency informs the Council about the results of the tests set out in the milestone on the basis of the abovementioned assessment. DE forwarded a dissenting opinion.
9. COREPER is invited to take note of this outcome (cf. doc. 11894/12 JAI 482 CATS 49 SIRIS 52 SIS-TECH 63 COMIX 408) and of the dissenting opinion of DE (cf. doc. 11894/12 ADD 1 JAI 482 CATS 49 SIRIS 52 SIS-TECH 63 COMIX 408) and to forward them to the Council for information.
10. Council is invited to take note of this outcome.

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