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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Coreper
Subject:	Actions in relation to modernisation of systems for handling and delivering European Council and Council documents

Background

1. Further to the policy orientations endorsed by Coreper for modernising systems for handling and delivering European Council and Council documents (see doc. 6704/13) and following the actions implemented by the GSC during 2014 and 2015 in relation to "Council collaboration" (see doc. 14610/14), the GSC has developed and pilot-tested Delegates Portal, an upgrade of the Extranet platform. Delegates Portal incorporates a number of new, collaborative features including "communities" (electronic replicas of Council preparatory bodies) as a channel for distributing all types of informal meeting documents (rebranded "working papers"), and functionalities to allow delegations to manage the membership of communities themselves.

2. The Antici Group was consulted on the new features of Delegates Portal and their organisational implications for delegations, as well as on a set of practical guidelines for managing the community arrangement. In addition, Delegates Portal and its new features, including the community approach to document distribution and guidelines for community management, were endorsed by the Coordination Committee for CIS (CCCIS) at its meeting on 11 March 2016.
3. The technical and practical aspects of the switchover from Extranet to Delegates Portal, as well as the timeline for the activation of the new features introduced by Delegates Portal, are set out in doc. 5964/16, which was also examined and approved by the CCCIS at its 11 March meeting¹.
4. Additionally, the CCCIS agreed to the roles and responsibilities set out in doc. 6888/16 in relation to business ownership of and security risk acceptance for IT-systems and platforms that process documents and files for Council decision-making. The Council Security Committee raised no objections when the matter was referred to it subsequently.
5. Furthermore, the CCCIS endorsed plans to replace the U32Mail document distribution service by a more modern, centralised system with lighter architecture (CODEX), as described in doc. 5913/16.
6. Finally, the CCCIS endorsed doc. 5912/16, which describes the evolutions proposed for Delegates Portal in the period 2016-2017.
7. Coreper is accordingly invited to:
 - take note of the community-based approach to document distribution described in doc. 7385/16, as well as the guidelines for community management set out therein;
 - take note of the implications of replacing Extranet by Delegates Portal as set out in doc. 5964/16;

¹ Following review and consultations within the Council Secretariat subsequent to 11 March 2016, the switchover from Extranet to Delegates Portal is now scheduled for the end of May rather than April as stated in 5964/16 and the new features supported by Delegates Portal will be introduced to all working parties and committees simultaneously at the beginning of November 2016 rather than gradually over a twelve-month period ending in March 2017.

- confirm the evolutions proposed in doc. 5912/16 for Delegates Portal in 2016-2017, in particular the objective of moving towards paperless meetings by 2018;
 - endorse the developments proposed in doc. 5913/16 for replacing the U32Mail document distribution service by a new centralised, information exchange system (CODEX);
 - and validate the roles and responsibilities in relation to business ownership and security risk acceptance set out in doc. 6888/16.
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