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From: Presidency
To: Delegations
Subject: ENISA 2015 report on cyber crisis cooperation and management

In recent years, the need for a robust EU-level response mechanism to manage cross-border threats has become overwhelmingly apparent within several sectors. The challenges faced by the EU in coordinating a common response have been highlighted following a number of crises, notably the **volcanic ash cloud** over Iceland in 2010, **pandemics** such as the influenza virus in 2009, and, with increasing frequency, **terrorist attacks** on European soil. These crises have all sparked EU-level action, and indeed prompted the emergence of common legal and operational frameworks.

Based on a detailed analysis of five different EU-level crisis management frameworks, ENISA has prepared a report on Cyber Crisis Cooperation and Management¹, which **highlights lessons learnt** from years of crisis management of the respective five different sectors which would be applicable to the cyber domain, and **provides a series of key recommendations** for the attention of the decision-makers regarding EU-level priorities to alter the outcome of the next cyber crisis taking advantage of the privileged position to prepare and act in this regard before a major cyber crisis occurs.

¹ <https://www.enisa.europa.eu/publications/eu-level-crisis-man>

Therefore, delegations are kindly invited to:

Consider the following recommendations:

1. Develop and formally adopt a EU-level:

- crisis management plan specific to crises induced by cybersecurity incidents ;and
- Cyber Standard operating procedures

2. Create a EU-level:

- pool of cyber crisis experts; and
- cyber crisis cooperation platform

3. Revision of EU legislation related to crises management and leverage on the development of cyber specific one.

Provide their opinion on the following questions:

- Have you observed any improvements in the area of cyber crises management since the first cyber exercise has been conducted?
- How future cyber exercises can contribute towards a better cooperation, coordination and management of cyber crises?
- What role ENISA could play in that area considering its tasks?
