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**NOTE**

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Delegations  
Subject: Exchange of classified information with the Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation

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Delegations will find attached for information a copy of the letter sent by the Security Office of the General Secretariat of the Council to the competent authorities of the Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation (OCCAR) confirming that the OCCAR is able to protect and safeguard EU classified information in a way consistent with the Security Arrangements to the Agreement<sup>1</sup> between the OCCAR and the European Union on the protection of classified information. This confirmation is required pursuant to Article 15 of the Agreement.

The date when this letter was sent, 28 July 2016, is the date as of which EU classified information may be released to OCCAR.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 229 of 24.8.2012, p. 2



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*The Director*

Brussels, 27 July 2016  
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**Subject:** Security of Information Agreement between the European Union and the Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation (OCCAR)

Dear Mr Rowntree,

Following the entry into force of the Security of Information Agreement between the European Union and OCCAR on 27 July 2012, and the endorsement by the Council Security Committee of the report on security arrangements for the protection of EU classified information in OCCAR, I hereby confirm, on behalf of the General Secretariat of the Council, that it has been agreed that OCCAR can protect and safeguard EU classified information in accordance with the Council security rules.

As and when necessary the European Union is therefore in a position to release EU classified information to OCCAR up to and including the level SECRET UE/EU SECRET in hard copy. Exchange of EU classified information in electronic form is possible at the level RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED, on condition that offline encryption is used.

Yours sincerely,



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**Copy:** David Galloway, Deputy Director General DGA SSCIS  
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