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1. A common approach on sharing EU classified information with EU institutions, agencies, offices and bodies has been drafted jointly by the Security Directorates/Offices of the Council General Secretariat, the European Commission (EC) and the European External Action Service (EEAS) as a trilateral concept so as to ensure to maximum extent possible a unified practice in that respect.
2. On 2 December 2015 COREPER approved the common approach on sharing EUCI among EU institutions, agencies, offices and bodies. COREPER approved also the letters to the High Representative and to the President of the EC seeking their agreement to this common approach. The letters were sent out the very same day.
3. Positive replies to these letters agreeing to the text of the common approach together with the Council's subsequent approval of the text will constitute a formal agreement on the common approach on sharing EUCI with EU institutions, agencies, offices and bodies.
4. On 20 June 2016 the Commission sent out the letter expressing the agreement on the text of the common approach on EUCI sharing (10746/16). On 19 September 2016 a similar letter, which is annexed to this note, was sent out by the EEAS.



Brussels, 19 -09- 2016  
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Mr Peter Javorčík  
Chair of COREPER

**Subject:** Letter proposing a common approach on sharing EU classified information with EU institutions, agencies, offices and bodies

**Ref:** Council doc 12940/15, Ares(2015)5588048

Dear Mr Peter Javorčík, Chair of Coreper,

On 2 December 2015, the services of the EEAS received a letter from your predecessor, Mr Christian Braun, in his capacity as the Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee, asking if the High Representative could agree with the common approach on sharing EU classified information among EU institutions, agencies, offices and bodies, as set out in Council document 12940/15, Ares(2015)5588048 (attached).

In the light of internal consultations within the EEAS, I am pleased to be able to confirm agreement with the proposal, and appreciate that this will foreseeably enhance the sharing of classified information within the EU.

Regards,



Helga Maria Schmid

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