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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council

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Subject: Management report on the implementation of the C.SIS installation and operation budget for 2012

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1. The C.SIS Financial Regulation (SCH/Com-ex (93) 16 rev. 2 and SCH/Com-ex (97) 35), as amended by Council Decisions 2007/472/EC of 25 June 2007<sup>1</sup>, 2008/328/EC of 18 April 2008<sup>2</sup> and 2009/914/EC of 30 November 2009<sup>3</sup>, provides that the French Republic must submit the document required for approval of the accounts for the financial year. Such approval is the equivalent of a final discharge for the French Republic.
2. At its meeting on 5 February 2014 the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) delivered a favourable opinion on the management report for 2012, as set out in document 17283/13 SIRIS 104 COMIX 673 + ADD 1. There are no reservations pending on this document.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 179, 7.7.2007, p. 50.  
<sup>2</sup> OJ L 113, 25.4.2008, p. 21.  
<sup>3</sup> OJ L 323, 10.12.2009, p. 6.

3. Pursuant to Article 2 of the Schengen Protocol, "the Council will substitute itself for the Executive Committee established by the Schengen agreements".
  4. However, in respect of the financing of expenditure relating to the SIS, the Council is deemed to have decided that such expenditure shall be charged to the Member States. It is therefore for the Member States concerned – and not the Council – to approve the accounts.
  5. **COREPER is accordingly invited to request the Member States concerned, meeting within the Council, to approve the management report concerning the implementation of the C.SIS installation and operation budget for 2012, as set out in 17283/13 SIRIS 104 COMIX 673 + ADD 1.**
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