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To: COREPER/Member States meeting within the Council

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Subject: Presentation of the SISNET accounts 2013

1. Article 48 of the SISNET Financial Regulation as established by Council Decision 2000/265/EC of 27 March 2000 on the establishment of a financial regulation governing the budgetary aspects of the management by the Secretary-General of the Council, of contracts concluded in his name, on behalf of certain Member States, relating to the installation and the functioning of the communication infrastructure for the Schengen environment, "SISNET"¹, as subsequently amended, provides that – following auditing of the accounts by the Court of Auditors – the Member States referred to in Article 25, meeting within the Council, are to give a discharge to the Secretary-General in respect of the budget's implementation.
2. The revenue and expenditure accounts and the balance sheet for 2013 are set out in 8366/14 SIRIS 289 VISA 89 COMIX 200. The Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2013, is set out in ADD 1 to 8366/14 SIRIS 289 VISA 89 COMIX 200.

¹ OJ L 85, 6.4.2000, p. 12.

3. The above documents were examined by the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE), which, at its meetings on 9 April 2014 and 22 September 2014, accepted them without comment and agreed that they should be submitted to the Member States meeting within the Council.

 4. **COREPER is therefore invited to submit to the Member States referred to in Article 25 of the abovementioned Financial Regulation, meeting within the Council, the revenue and expenditure accounts and the balance sheet for 2013 (8366/14 SIRIS 289 VISA 89 COMIX 200) and the Court of Auditors' report (8366/14 SIRIS 289 VISA 89 COMIX 200 ADD 1), in order for them to give the Secretary-General, on the basis of Article 48 *in fine* of the abovementioned Financial Regulation, a discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget for 2013.**
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