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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Granting authorisation to the Secretary-General for access to EU classified information

1. On 21 April 2015, the Council appointed Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN as next Secretary-General of the Council for the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2020.
2. Pursuant to paragraph 18(a) of Annex I to the Council's security rules for protecting EUCI, the Appointing Authority, after obtaining the relevant assurance of the competent national authorities on the basis of a security investigation, is responsible for granting individuals in the GSC authorisation for access to information classified CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL or above.
3. In the case of the Secretary-General of the Council, the Appointing Authority for granting such authorisation is the Council. The GSC has received from the competent Danish national security authority assurance that Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN may be granted authorisation for access to information classified up to level TRES SECRET UE/EU TOP SECRET. Access to that level of classified information is necessary.

4. Subject to confirmation by COREPER, the Council is accordingly invited to adopt the decision to that effect set out in document 8715/15.
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