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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: COREPER/Member States meeting within the Council

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Subject: Presentation of the SISNET accounts 2015

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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"<sup>1</sup>, 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 2015 are set out in 7543/16 SIRIS 59 VISA 89 COMIX 259. The Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts for the financial year which ended 31 December 2015, is set out in 7543/16 SIRIS 59 VISA 89 COMIX 259 ADD 1.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 85, 6.4.2000, p. 12.

3. At its meeting on 20 May 2016, the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) examined the accounts as set out in 7543/16 SIRIS 59 VISA 89 COMIX 259. At its meeting on 12 July 2016 it agreed to the Court of Auditor's Report as set out in 7543/16 SIRIS 59 VISA 89 COMIX 259 ADD 1. The Working Party 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 2015 (7543/16 SIRIS 59 VISA 89 COMIX 259) and the Court of Auditors' report (7543/16 SIRIS 59 VISA 89 COMIX 259 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 2015.**
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