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OPINION

From:	Council Security Committee
On:	19 October 2020
To:	Working Party on Space
Subject:	Opinion of the Council Security Committee on Article 25 of the proposal for a Regulation establishing the Space Programme of the Union

1. On 30 June 2020 as well as on 28 September and 12 October 2020, the Chair of the Council Security Committee (CSC) received requests from the Chair of the Space Working Party to provide an opinion on draft Article 25 of the Space Programme Regulation. The last request was made on the basis of a Presidency compromised text of 12 October 2020.
2. An exchange of view took place at the VTC of members of the CSC on 29 September, 13 and 19 October 2020.
3. The requested opinion, as agreed by the CSC, can be found in the Annex.

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of the proposal for a Regulation establishing
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Bearing in mind the CSCs mandate and the wider scope of Article 25 covering classified and non-classified information, it is recommended to:

- a) replace "competent security authorities" with "competent authorities";
- b) clarify that if contracts resulting from the application of Article 25 are classified, eligibility and participation conditions to be laid down by the Commission must be without prejudice to the competence of national security authorities. While applying the rules on eligibility and participation, this Article must not interfere with, amend or contradict any existing Facility Security Clearance and Personnel Security Clearance process within a Member State.
