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**CAB 52**

**WORKING DOCUMENT**

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Subject : Draft Council Decision on the release of information under Agreements on security procedures for the exchange of classified information between the EU and certain third States

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Delegations will find attached a draft Council Decision on the release of information under Agreements on security procedures for the exchange of classified information between the EU and certain third States

This draft Council Decision will be examined by the Security Committee at its 14 October 2003 meeting.

**DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION**

**of**

on the release of information under Agreements on security procedures for the exchange of classified information between the EU and certain third States

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Council Decision 2001/264/EC of 19 March 2001 adopting the Council's security regulations<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Appendix 4, paragraph 2 and Appendix 5, paragraph 2 thereof,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 101 of 11. 4. 2001, page 1.

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreements on security procedures for the exchange of classified information between the European Union and each of the following States<sup>1</sup> ; [Canada, the United States of America, Iceland, Norway, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, FYROM, and Bosnia and Herzegovina], respectively entered into force on .....2003, on ..... 2003, on ..... 2003, and on ..... 2003.
- (2) The Council has decided on level 1 security cooperation with [Canada, the United States of America, Iceland, Norway, Turkey, Bulgaria and Romania]. It has decided on level 2 security cooperation with [the Russian Federation, Ukraine and FYROM]. [It has decided on level 3 cooperation with Bosnia and Herzegovina].
- (3) It is appropriate, for practical reasons, to give authority to the Secretary-General/High Representative to release EU information to those third States.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

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## Article 1

1. The Secretary-General/High Representative is hereby authorised to release to [Canada, the United States of America, Iceland, Norway, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, FYROM, and Bosnia and Herzegovina], in accordance with the Council's security regulations, EU classified information and documents generated at the Council of the European Union relating to the matters falling under the scope of the Agreements on security procedures for the exchange of classified information between the EU and each of those States.

2. The Secretary-General/High Representative is hereby authorised to release to the abovementioned third States EU non-classified documents related to the deliberations of the Council, with regard to matters falling under the scope of the abovementioned Agreements, covered by the obligation of professional secrecy pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 1 of the Council Rules of procedure.

## Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council  
The President

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