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from : Council Security Committee (INFOSEC)

to : COREPER/Council

Subject : **Recommendation to the Council concerning the approval of a second-party evaluated cryptographic device**

1. The Security Regulations of the Council of the European Union (cf. Part II, Section XI, Paragraph 66) require that "During transmission, the confidentiality of information classified SECRET UE and above shall be protected by cryptographic methods or products approved by the Council upon recommendation of the Council Security Committee."
2. The Council Security Committee in its INFOSEC composition has decided that it will give such a recommendation based on the Council INFOSEC Selection and Procurement Scheme (CISPS). An essential requirement in the CISPS is that a cryptographic device for which a recommendation is requested "shall be subject to an additional evaluation by an appropriately qualified authority in another EU Member State not involved in its design or manufacture."

3. As endorsed by the Committee, the German INFOSEC Authority Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik (BSI), in its capacity as accredited AQUA¹, has been tasked to carry out a Second Party Evaluations of the UK line encryptor THAMER for the level up to and including SECRET UE.
4. BSI informed the GSC by letter on 13 December 2006 that it recommends the Council approval of THAMER for the protection of data classified up to and including SECRET UE. The (classified) evaluation report contains specific recommendations for the use of the system.
5. In the light of the above the Council Security Committee (INFOSEC) recommends, subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives Committee, that the Council approve the use of THAMER for the protection of EUCI classified no higher than SECRET UE.
6. This approval should be given on the understanding that the security requirements of the CISPS Footnote 3 are fulfilled and that the recommendations of the evaluator as specified in the evaluation report will be taken into account.

¹ Appropriately Qualified Authority