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from :	General Secretariat
to :	Delegations
Subject :	Security of classified information exchanged with the US

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Delegations will find attached for information a copy of the letter sent by the Security Office of the General Secretariat of the Council to its US counterpart confirming that the US is able to protect and safeguard EU classified information in a way consistent with the security arrangement for the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the United States of America on the security of classified information<sup>1</sup>. This confirmation is required pursuant to Article 18 of the Agreement.

The date of this letter, 26 July 2007, is the date as of which EU classified information could be released to the US.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 115, 3.5.2007, p. 29



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Brussels, 26 July 2007

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Dear Mr Brenner,

Following the entry into force of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the United States of America on the Security of Classified Information on 30 April 2007 and approval of the Security Arrangement on 18 July 2007, I hereby agree, on behalf of the Council Security Office, that the United States is able to protect and safeguard classified information in a way consistent with the Security Arrangement for the Agreement.

The European Commission Security Directorate has also signalled its agreement.

This confirmation is required pursuant to Article 18 of the Agreement.

Pending the outcome of a further assessment visit, the European Union is therefore in a position at this stage to exchange EU classified documents with the United States up to the level TRES SECRET UE/EU TOP SECRET and classified information up to the level CONFIDENTIEL UE in electronic form.

Yours sincerely,



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High Representative  
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