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1. On 4 November 2010 the Council received a Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on "A comprehensive approach on personal data protection in the European Union".
2. On 10 January 2011, the Presidency tabled draft Council conclusions on this Communication. The Working Party on Data Protection and Information Exchange (DAPIX) had two in-depth discussions on these Council conclusions at its meetings of 17 and 31 January 2011.

3. At the JHA Counsellors meetings of 3 and 14 February 2011, the text of the draft Council conclusions was further fine-tuned.
4. Following the JHA Counsellors meeting of 14 February 2011, one further technical amendment was made to recital No 3 so as to better reflect the wording of Article 16(2) TFEU. DE, IT, and UK lifted their general scrutiny reservations.
5. The final text of the draft Council conclusions is accordingly set out in Annex to 5980/4/11 REV 4 JAI 68 MI 50 DATAPROTECT 5 FREMP 8 COHOM 28 DAPIX 3.
6. *COREPER is accordingly requested to invite the Council to adopt the draft Council Conclusions on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - A comprehensive approach on personal data protection in the European Union, as set out in the annex of 5980/4/11 REV 4 JAI 68 MI 50 DATAPROTECT 5 FREMP 8 COHOM 28 DAPIX 3.*

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