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From	The General Secretariat
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Security of information agreement between the EU and NATO - Exchange of <i>notes verbales</i> between the General Secretariat of the Council and NATO

Delegations will find attached an exchange of *notes verbales* between the General Secretariat of the Council and NATO regarding the consequences of the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty for the security of information Agreement between the EU and NATO¹. The effect of this exchange of *notes verbales* is, in particular, that NATO is made aware that the provisions of the Agreement also apply to the European Council, including its President, the High Representative and the European External Action Service, in addition to the Council, the General Secretariat of the Council and the Commission.

¹ OJ L 80, 27.3.2003, p. 35



COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

NOTE VERBALE

The General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union presents its compliments to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and has the honour to refer to the entry into force, on 1 December 2009, of the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community. The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation was notified of this entry into force on 27 November 2009.

As from 1 December 2009, the European Council became an EU institution, a President of the European Council has been elected and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy has been appointed by the European Council; the High Representative presides over the Foreign Affairs Council and is one of the Vice-Presidents of the Commission. The Council has adopted a decision on the organisation and functioning of the European External Action Service ("the EEAS"), whose central administration includes, in particular, the crisis management and planning directorate (CMPD), the civilian planning and conduct capability (CPC), the European Union Military Staff (EUMS) and the European Union Situation Centre (SITCEN), which were formerly part of the General Secretariat of the Council.

As a consequence, the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union has the honour to notify the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation that the provisions of the Agreement between the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the European Union on the protection of classified information, signed on 14 March 2003, will continue to apply accordingly to the handling of classified information by the EU institutions and entities concerned. The exchange of classified information between the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the EU institutions and entities concerned will remain fully covered by the said Agreement.

The General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation the expression of its highest consideration.

Brussels, 25 July 2011



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NOTE VERBALE

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of its Note Verbale dated 25 July 2011 (SGS11/9639) which reads as follows:

The General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union presents its compliments to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and has the honour to refer to the entry into force, on 1 December 2009, of the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community. The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation was notified of this entry into force on the 27 November 2009.

As from 1 December 2009, the European Council became an EU institution, a President of the European Council has been elected and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy has been appointed by the European Council, the High Representative presides over the Foreign Affairs Council and is one of the Vice-Presidents of the Commission. The Council has adopted a decision on the organisation and functioning of the European External Action Service ('the EEAS'), whose central administration includes, in particular, the crisis management and planning directorate (CMPD), the civilian planning and conduct capability (CPCC), the European Union Military Staff (EUMS) and the European Union Situation Centre (SITCEN), which were formerly part of the General Secretariat of the Council.

As a consequence, the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union has the honour to notify the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation that the provisions of the Agreement between the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the European Union on the protection of classified information, signed on 14 March 2003, will continue to apply accordingly to the handling of classified information by the EU institutions and entities concerned. The exchange of classified information between the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the EU institutions and entities concerned will remain fully covered by the said Agreement.

The General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation the expression of its highest consideration.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation has the honour to confirm its acceptance of the understanding as reflected in aforementioned Note Verbale

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union the expression of its highest consideration

Brussels, 9 August 2011


