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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Draft Council Conclusions on the way forward to improve information exchange and ensure the interoperability of EU information systems

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1. Following the publication of the final report by the High-Level Expert Group on Information Systems and Interoperability<sup>1</sup>, and in the light of the discussion at the COSI meeting on 16 May 2017 on interoperability as well as the Commission Communication 'Seventh progress report towards an effective and genuine Security Union'<sup>2</sup>, the Presidency prepared the draft Council Conclusions on the way forward to improve information exchange and ensure the interoperability of EU information systems.

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<sup>1</sup> 8434/1/17 REV 1

<sup>2</sup> 9348/17

2. The draft Council Conclusions were discussed at the COSI Support Group meetings on 22 and 29 May 2017. On 29 May 2017, the COSI Support Group agreed on the draft Council Conclusions as set out in 9448/17, and agreed to submit them to COREPER/Council for adoption.
  
  3. *On that basis, COREPER is invited to submit the draft Council Conclusions on the way forward to improve information exchange and ensure the interoperability of EU information systems, as set out in 9448/17, to the Council for adoption.*
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