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From : The Security Committee

To : COREPER/Council

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Subject : Levels of security co-operation with third States and international organisations

1. The Council's security regulations (Part II, Section XII) require the Council to determine the level of security co-operation which is possible with third states or international organisations with which it is called upon to exchange EU classified information on a regular basis. Levels are determined on the basis of the nature of the security regulations applied: Level 1 (security regulations very close or comparable to the EU's); Level 2 (security regulations markedly different from the EU's); and Level 3 (security regulations which cannot be assessed). The existing levels of co-operation agreed for third States and organisations are set out in doc. 7592/03.

2. Following discussion at the Council Security Committee on 22 October 2004, it is recommended:
 - to upgrade the level of security co-operation fixed with regard to the Swiss Confederation from 2 to 1
 - and to allocate security co-operation level 1 to the Republic of Croatia.

3. As far as ESA is concerned, it was agreed that the current cooperation level (level 3) should be reviewed as soon as possible in the light of the security assessment visit which should take place later this year or in early 2005.

 4. Subject to confirmation by Coreper, the Council is invited to approve the recommended levels of security co-operation set out in point 2 above. For ease of reference, a consolidated table indicating all security co-operation levels agreed for third States and international organisations (including those already approved by the Council) is attached.
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**SECURITY COOPERATION LEVELS
WITH THIRD STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

Candidate States	
Bulgaria	Level 1
Romania	Level 1
Turkey	Level 1
Croatia	Level 1

Other States (NATO Members)	
Iceland	Level 1
Norway	Level 1
Canada	Level 1
United States	Level 1

Other States (non NATO Members)	
Switzerland	Level 1
Russia	Level 2
Ukraine	Level 2
FYROM	Level 2
BiH	Level 3

International Organisations	
NATO	Level 1
ESA	Level 3
OSCE	Level 3
UN	Level 3