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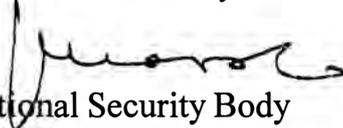
SUBJECT: Interim Security Arrangement between the Italian NSA and the EEAS
for the release of EUCI to EUROGENDFOR.

Mr. Frans POTUYT
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Dear Mr. Frans POTUYT,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Italian National Security Authority accepts your letter which, with this reply, constitutes an Interim Security Arrangement between the Italian NSA and the EEAS which takes effect from the date of this reply.

Yours sincerely


National Security Body
(Giampiero Massolo)

EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE



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Subject: Interim security arrangement between the European External Action Service (EEAS) – Security Directorate – and the National Security Authority of the Italian Republic concerning the protection of EU classified information received in the framework of EUROGENDFOR

Dear Ambassador,

There is an operational need for a security arrangement between the EEAS and EUROGENDFOR, which needs access to EUCI in the framework of its participation in CSDP crisis management operations, in particular EUCAP Sahel Mali and EUFOR RCA.

Pending ratification of the Security Agreement on the protection of EUROGENDFOR classified information, it is not possible for the EEAS and EUROGENDFOR to start negotiating an administrative arrangement within the meaning of Article 10(1)(b) of Annex A to the EEAS security rules¹. An interim solution is to conclude a security arrangement with a full EUROGENDFOR member State with a view to its taking responsibility for the protection of EUCI released to the Force.

¹ Official Journal of the European Union C.190, 29.6.2013, p. 1. Document annexed to the present letter.

Pursuant to the decision taken by the National Security Authorities of the full member States of EUROGENDFOR (i.e. the French Republic, the Italian Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Portuguese Republic, Romania and the Kingdom of Spain), the Italian National Security Authority (NSA) has been designated, by an exchange of "Letters of Intent" between the Italian Republic and the five other full member States, as the Security Authority responsible on behalf of all the above mentioned States for the protection of EU classified information² (EUCI) which may be transmitted to EUROGENDFOR and held by that Force.

In order to establish a framework in this regard, I would like to propose that the following arrangements be applied to that effect.

1. The Italian NSA will ensure that EUCI released to EUROGENDFOR retains the security classification given to it by the EU and will safeguard such information and documents in accordance with the EEAS security rules. In this respect, the Italian NSA will ensure that it provides the protection required by the EEAS in accordance with the abovementioned EEAS security rules.
2. The EEAS Security Directorate, in cooperation with the Italian NSA, will carry out periodic inspections of EUCI held by EUROGENDFOR.
3. The EEAS Chief Operating Officer is the Security Accreditation Authority for systems and networks which may link the EEAS to EUROGENDFOR for storing, processing or transmitting EUCI up to a specified classification level.
4. The Italian NSA is the Security Accreditation Authority for national systems and networks used by EUROGENDFOR for storing, processing or transmitting EUCI up to a specified classification level.

² Any information or material the unauthorised disclosure of which could cause varying degrees of prejudice to the interests of the European Union or of one or more of the Member States, designated by an EU security classification (Article 1 of Annex A to the EEAS security rules).

5. No individual is authorised to have access to EUCI merely by virtue of rank or function. Individuals must meet all of the following conditions:
- i) have a need-to-know for the fulfilment of his/her duties;
 - ii) be in possession of a valid and appropriate security clearance issued by the State of which he/she is a national affording him/her access to CONFIDENTIEL UE/ EU CONFIDENTIAL or higher; and
 - iii) have been briefed on and acknowledged in writing their responsibilities to protect EUCI in accordance with the EEAS security rules.
6. The Italian NSA will ensure that EUROGENDFOR does not communicate EUCI to any State which is not a full member of EUROGENDFOR, nor to any international organisation or other entity without the prior agreement of the originator.
7. Any disagreement regarding the interpretation or implementation of the arrangements of this letter shall be resolved solely through consultation between the Italian NSA and the Security Directorate of the EEAS, or their representatives, without reference to a third Party or Tribunal.
8. In the case of certain or suspected loss or compromise of EUCI, the competent Security Authorities of the State where the incident takes place will carry out investigations and the relevant activities in accordance with the procedures set out in EEAS security rules, and will take all lawful steps according to its national laws and regulations.

Should the above meet your approval, I have the honour of proposing that this letter and your reply constitute an interim security arrangement, which will take effect from the date of your reply.

Yours faithfully



Frans Potuyt

Enc. EEAS security rules

c.c.: Attila Lajos, Teo Milone, Vivienne Laker, J-G Hottiaux, Eric Chaboureau, Michel Savary

LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL SECURITY AUTHORITY OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY AUTHORITY OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS, CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF EU CLASSIFIED INFORMATION RECEIVED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EUROGENDFOR

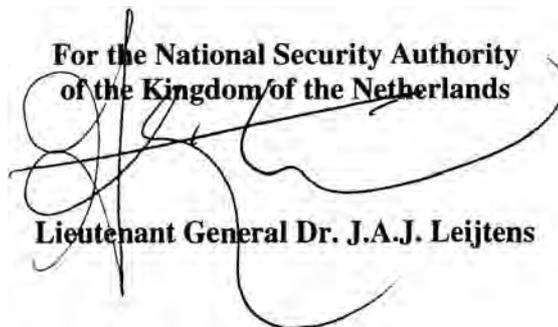
1. The National Security Authority (NSA) of the Italian Republic and the NSA of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, wishing to ensure the protection of EU classified information (EUCI) received within the framework of EUROGENDFOR, have agreed on the following:
 - the Italian NSA will take responsibility towards the EEAS in guaranteeing the protection of EUCI received within the framework of EUROGENDFOR pursuant to the provisions of the EEAs security rules set out in Decision of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy HR DEC(2013) 006, of 19 April 2013;
 - the NSA of the Kingdom of the Netherlands will guarantee that all nationals assigned or seconded to EUROGENDFOR, who are required to have access to EUCI, will respect the provisions of the EEAS security rules.
2. In the case of certain or suspected loss or compromise of EUCI, the competent Security Authorities of the State where the incident takes place will carry out investigations and relevant activities in accordance with the procedures set out in the EEAS security rules, and will take all lawful steps according to its national laws and regulations.
3. This Letter of Intent, that enters into force on the date of its signature, is to be considered as an interim security arrangement pending the entry into force of the Security Agreement on the protection of EUROGENDFOR classified information and a corresponding administrative arrangement to be concluded directly between the EEAS and EUROGENDFOR.

Signed at On **23 DIC. 2014**

**For the National Security Authority
of the Italian Republic**



**For the National Security Authority
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands**



Lieutenant General Dr. J.A.J. Leijtens

LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL SECURITY AUTHORITY OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY AUTHORITY OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF EU CLASSIFIED INFORMATION RECEIVED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EUROGENDFOR

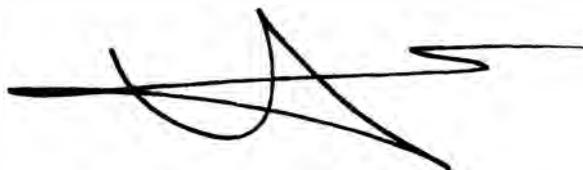
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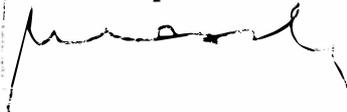


**LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL SECURITY AUTHORITY OF THE
ITALIAN REPUBLIC AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY AUTHORITY OF THE KINGDOM
OF SPAIN, CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF EU CLASSIFIED INFORMATION
RECEIVED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EUROGENDFOR**

1. The National Security Authority (NSA) of the Italian Republic and the NSA of the Kingdom of Spain, wishing to ensure the protection of EU classified information (EUCI) received within the framework of EUROGENDFOR, have agreed on the following:
 - the Italian NSA will take responsibility towards the EEAS in guaranteeing the protection of EUCI received within the framework of EUROGENDFOR pursuant to the provisions of the EEAs security rules set out in Decision of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy HR DEC(2013) 006, of 19 April 2013;
 - the NSA of the Kingdom of Spain will guarantee that all nationals assigned or seconded to EUROGENDFOR, who are required to have access to EUCI, will respect the provisions of the EEAS security rules.
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Signed at Madrid on September 22nd 2014

**For the National Security Authority
of the Italian Republic**



**For the National Security Authority
of the Kingdom of Spain**



LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL SECURITY AUTHORITY OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY AUTHORITY OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC, CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF EU CLASSIFIED INFORMATION RECEIVED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EUROGENDFOR

1. The National Security Authority (NSA) of the Italian Republic and the NSA of the Portuguese Republic, wishing to ensure the protection of EU classified information (EUCI) received within the framework of EUROGENDFOR, have agreed on the following:
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**For the National Security Authority
of the Italian Republic**



**For the National Security Authority
of the Portuguese Republic**

