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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Draft Arrangement between the European Parliament, the Council and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy concerning access by the European Parliament to classified information held by the Council and the European External Action Service in the area of the common foreign and security policy - Opinion of the Council Security Committee

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1. On 6 December 2023, the Chair of the Working Party on General Affairs (GAG) asked the Chair of the Council Security Committee (CSC) to provide an opinion on the matters within its areas of competence as regards the latest draft compromise of the Draft Arrangement discussed at the interinstitutional technical meeting on 14 November 2023 and set out in document 15574/23.
2. On 12 December 2023, the General Secretariat of the Council (GSC) circulated this request in WK 16772/23. Delegations were asked to send their comments in writing.
3. The Council Security Committee examined a draft opinion, prepared by the GSC, at its meetings on 6 February and 12 March 2024. On the basis of the outcome of these discussions

and of additional written input¹, the CSC agreed on 20 March 2024² on the recommendations that form the content of its opinion requested by the Working Party on General Affairs. The CSC welcomes the readiness of the European Parliament to address some of the Council's concerns, but notes that other issues remain. These are outlined below.

4. The text of the opinion can be found in the Annex. For identified issues, the opinion presents rationale and suggests modifications to be made in the compromise text of the Draft Arrangement (doc. 15574/23). Changes compared to the compromise text are indicated in **bold** **underlined** for new text and in ~~striketrough~~ for deleted text.

¹ WK 2210/24.

² Doc. 7851/24.

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