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## COUNCIL

## COUNCIL DECISION

of 26 July 2004

**concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina on security procedures for the exchange of classified information**

(2004/731/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Articles 24 and 38 thereof,

The Agreement between the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina on security procedures for the exchange of classified information is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union.

Having regard to the recommendation from the Presidency,

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

*Article 2*

Whereas:

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the European Union.

*Article 3*

(1) At its meeting on 27 and 28 November 2003, the Council decided to authorise the Presidency, assisted by the SG/HR, to open negotiations, in accordance with Articles 24 and 38 of the Treaty on European Union, with certain third States, in order for the European Union to conclude with each of them an Agreement on security procedures for the exchange of classified information.

This Decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

*Article 4*

(2) Following this authorisation to open negotiations, the Presidency, assisted by the SG/HR, negotiated an Agreement with Bosnia and Herzegovina on security procedures for the exchange of classified information.

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 2004.

(3) The Agreement should be approved,

*For the Council*

*The President*

B. R. BOT