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(Acts adopted under the EU Treaty)

ACTS ADOPTED UNDER TITLE V OF THE EU TREATY

COUNCIL DECISION 2009/558/CFSP

of 16 March 2009

concerning the conclusion of the Agreement on security procedures for exchanging classified information between the European Union and Israel

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

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

Article 1
The Agreement on security procedures for exchanging classified information between the European Union and Israel 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.

Whereas:

Article 2
The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the European Union.

(1) At its meeting on 18 February 2008, the Council decided to authorise the Presidency, assisted by the Secretary/General/High Representative (SG/HR) and fully associating the Commission, to open negotiations pursuant to Article 24 of the Treaty on European Union with the State of Israel in order to conclude a security of information Agreement.

Article 3
This Decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

(2) Following this authorisation to open negotiations, the Presidency, assisted by the SG/HR, negotiated an Agreement on security procedures for exchanging classified information between the European Union and Israel.

Article 4
This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

(3) The Agreement should be approved,

Done at Brussels, 16 March 2009.

For the Council
The President
A. VONDRA