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**DECISION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
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THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

*Having regard to the Treaty on the European Union,*

*Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,*

*Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,*

*Having regard to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, and in particular Article 3(6) thereof,*

Whereas the Commission's work on internal security requires cooperation across a number of portfolios to deliver the best results.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

- (1) A Project Group on European Internal Security is set up to support delivering on the project of developing and safeguarding internal security. It shall facilitate the joint work in line with the Political Guidelines and the Mission Letters.
- (2) Without prejudice to the decision-making process of the College and the responsibility of the collegial preparatory bodies, the Project Group shall ensure timely preparation and provide political steer for the development of the initiatives and implementation of priorities. It shall as a first step coordinate the work to present the European Internal Security Strategy. The Project Group shall also oversee the implementation of the European Internal Security Strategy to operationalise its objective and prepare the related initiatives.
- (3) The Project Group shall maintain a strong coordination to address the need to mainstream security into relevant EU policies, to deepen action on security online and offline, and to effectively address the varied security threats faced by the EU today. The work should pay particular attention to the online dimension of security, including to tackle cybercrime and strengthen cybersecurity, and the need to adapt to a changing digital landscape. It should take full account of the risk of hybrid threats, and the need to address the threats from outside the EU to the EU's internal security.
- (4) The Project Group shall steer reflection on cooperation between law enforcement authorities and updating their rules and tools for access to digital information, as well as critical communications.
- (5) The Project Group shall ensure that the security governance at EU level is fit for purpose, including enhancing Europol and cooperation between EU agencies and with national authorities.

(6) The Project Group shall contribute to the reflection on how the EPPO could help to fight cross-border serious crime.

(7) The Project Group shall develop the conceptual framework to ensure that security is integrated into EU legislation and policies by design.

(8) The Project Group shall ensure coherence with work in other areas notably in the areas of preparedness, defence and economic security.

## *Article 2*

(1) The Commissioner for Internal Affairs and Migration shall chair the Project Group.

(2) The composition of the Project Group shall be as follows:

- Executive Vice-President for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy,
- High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission,
- Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security, Interinstitutional Relations, and Transparency,
- Commissioner for the Mediterranean,
- Commissioner for Defence and Space,
- Commissioner for Enlargement,
- Commissioner for International Partnerships,
- Commissioner for Preparedness and Crisis Management,
- Commissioner for Internal Affairs and Migration, and
- Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, the Rule of Law and Consumer Protection.

(3) The President may decide to attend and chair the Project Group. Other Executive Vice-Presidents and Commissioners may participate in relevant meetings of the Project Group and contribute to the work on invitation by the chair.

(4) The chair decides for each meeting if participants can be accompanied by one or more staff members, either from the Cabinet or Services.

(5) The Secretary-General of the Commission or a Deputy Secretary-General, the Director-General of the Legal Service or his or her Deputy, the Director General of Directorate-General for Communication or his or her Deputy, and the Cabinet of the President, have standing invitations to attend the meetings of the Project Group.

### *Article 3*

- (1) The Secretariat-General shall ensure the secretariat of the Project Group.
- (2) The secretariat shall assist in the organisation of the Project Group's meetings and prepare draft agendas. The secretariat shall ensure the timely preparation and/or circulation of meeting documents (short discussion notes, background).
- (3) The agendas of meetings of the Project Group shall be decided by the chair in agreement with the Cabinet of the President. Participants may suggest items to be included in the agenda.
- (4) The chair shall draw the conclusions of the meeting which shall be circulated by the secretariat. The conclusions shall be published on the Commission website unless the chair decides otherwise depending on the nature of the discussions.

### *Article 4*

- (1) The Project Group is established for an initial period of one year.
- (2) The Project Group may continue to operate subsequently if the President decides to renew its mandate under the same or revised terms.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 2025.

*The President*

*Ursula VON DER LEYEN*