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Subject: Council Resolution of 17 January 1995 on the lawful interception of
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– draft letter to international standardization bodies

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Subject: Lawful interception of telecommunications

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the recommendations and other measures adopted by the Member States of the European Union regarding the lawful interception of telecommunications.

The Member States of the European Union consider the lawful interception of telecommunications an important tool for the protection of national interest, in particular investigation of serious crime and national security. National law and international law permit interception of telecommunications under certain circumstances.

Unless the necessary arrangements or technical provisions are made beforehand, modern telecommunications involve a potential risk to the efficiency of lawful interception.

The Council of the European Union has therefore adopted a Resolution. That Resolution includes requirements for the lawful interception of telecommunications (see Annex). Member States' Ministers responsible for telecommunications are called upon to support that view and to cooperate with their colleagues responsible for Justice and Home Affairs with the aim of implementing the said requirements in relation to network operators and service providers.

I would appreciate it if you could take note of this letter.

For the Council of the European Union
The President

ANNEX: Council Resolution of 17 January 1995 on the lawful interception of telecommunications
