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To: Visa Working Party

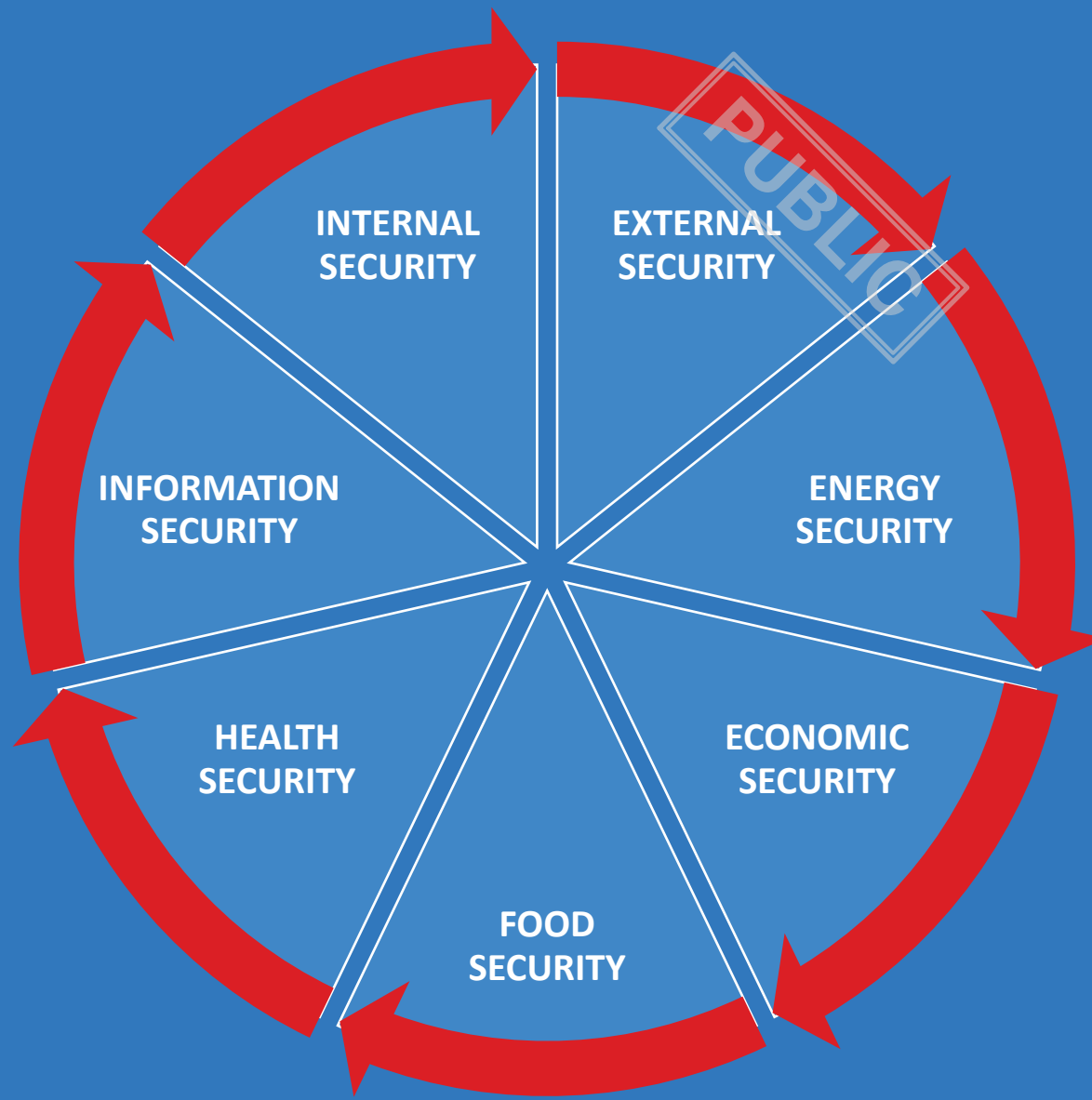
Subject: Priorities of the incoming Polish Presidency

Delegations will find attached the presentation of the priorities of the incoming Polish Presidency.



POLISH PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU

1 January - 30 June 2025



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WHERE WE PICK UP...

- Instability in EU neighbourhood, hostile state actors, hybrid threats
- Persisting migration pressure, abuse of asylum systems
- New framework for migration management (large scale IT systems, Pact on Migration and Asylum)

... WHAT OUR FOCUS IS

Strengthening security of the Schengen area:

- Development and implementation of visa policy tools and strategy
- Harmonized implementation of the Visa Code
- Contributing to a well-managed process of liberalization and facilitation

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PRIORITIES

1. Revision of visa suspension mechanism
2. JHA community involvement in visa liberalization
3. Curbing abuse of appointment systems
4. Harmonizing visa practice
5. Coordinating work on the mandate for visa facilitation agreement

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OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

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- Visa suspension mechanism report
- Visa alignment of third countries
- Article 25a procedure follow-up
- State of play of interoperability and VIS Recast
- Visa-related elements with the USA



MEETING CALENDAR

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VISA WP

27 January, 18 February,
13 March, 7 April,
6 May, 18 June

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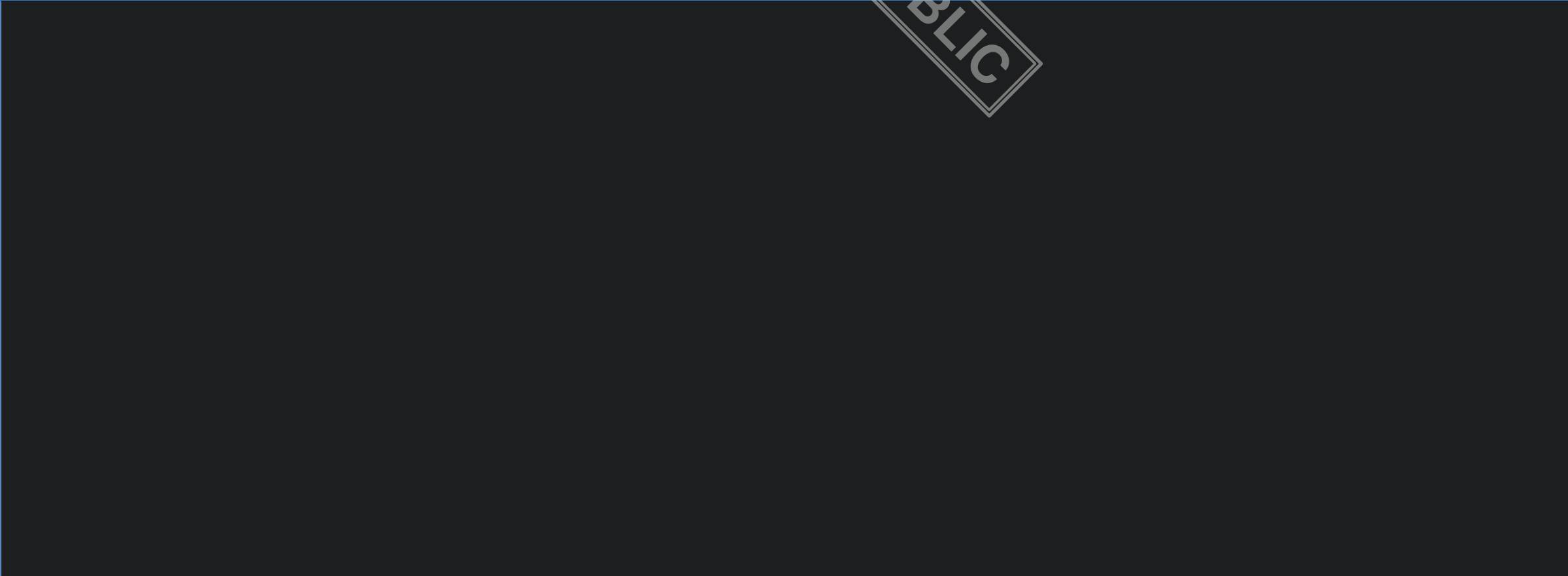
13 February, 10 April,
20 May (informal)

JHA COUNCIL

30 January (informal),
6-7 March, 12-13 June

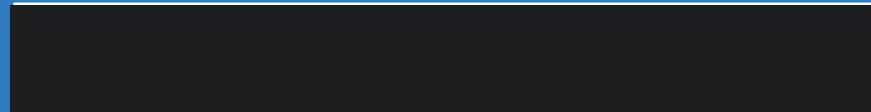


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