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Amended proposal for a

Council Recommendation

on Common

**Information Technology Security Evaluation Criteria**

(presented by the Commission pursuant to Article 189 A (2)  
of the EC-Treaty)

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

1. This Communication concerns a modified proposal for a Council Recommendation on Common Information Technology Security Evaluation Criteria.

The objective of the Council Recommendation is to provide common security criteria for information systems, for use in evaluation and certification schemes within the Community.

Common criteria represent an important step in achieving first a single Community market and in the future an international market in secure information technology (IT) products, with all the obvious advantages for both manufacturers and users. Manufacturers will be able to build products and users to specify requirements to known, acceptable levels of security.

2. The Commission submitted its proposal to the Council on 11 September 1992 - COM(92)298 final.

In their Opinion of 27 January 1993 the Economic and Social Committee welcomed the proposal.

3. The European Parliament adopted a favourable Resolution on 25 May 1993, including a single amendment, adding some text. The amendment was justified on the grounds of the unnecessary extra costs involved if multiple evaluations had to be carried out on a single product to meet the needs of the international marketplace.

The amendment was accepted by the Commission.

4. Decision requested from Council:

The Commission requests the Council to adopt the amended proposal for a Council Recommendation on Information Technology Security Evaluation Criteria.

**MODIFICATION N° 1 (BASED ON EP AMENDMENT N° 1)**

**Original Commission Proposal**

**Modified Proposal**

**Article 2**

2. to advance, under the auspices of SOG-IS, international harmonisation and standardisation of information technology evaluation criteria;

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2a. the negotiation, during this initial period of two years, or, if necessary, until international harmonisation and standardisation is agreed, of bilateral and preferably international mutual recognition of security evaluation certificates.

# DOCUMENTS

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