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**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR REVIEWING THE 1997 OECD GUIDELINES FOR CRYPTOGRAPHY
POLICY**

This questionnaire was approved for distribution at the 21st meeting of the WPISP on 2, 4 October.

Delegates are invited to send their responses to the questionnaire to the Secretariat by 1 December.

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THE GUIDELINES FOR CRYPTOGRAPHY POLICY**

1. The OECD Guidelines for Cryptography Policy (“Cryptography Guidelines”) were adopted as a Council Recommendation in March 1997 [C(97)62/FINAL]. The Recommendation calls upon member countries to review the Guidelines at least every five years, with “a view to improving international co-operation on issues related to cryptography policy.”¹ The first review was completed in 2002. The conclusions of the WPISP in 2002, later endorsed by the ICCP Committee, were that the Guidelines continued to be adequate and that no revisions were needed [DSTI/ICCP(2002)17]. It was noted that the Guidelines should be again reviewed in 5 years time – in 2007.

2. The 2002 review of the Cryptography Guidelines was accomplished by means of a short questionnaire that was circulated to WPISP delegates in 2001 [DSTI/ICCP/REG(2001)4]. The questionnaire simply asked delegates whether they believed the Guidelines were still adequate, and if not, whether there was a need for modification, addition or deletion of any of the principles. On the basis of the responses to the questionnaire, the WPISP concluded that no revisions were necessary at that time.

3. At its 21st meeting on 2, 4 October 2006, the WPISP agreed that – following the model used in 2002 – the attached questions should be circulated for response. A brief report on the responses can then be prepared for discussion at the March 2007 WPISP meeting. At that meeting, the WPISP will be asked to agree on a recommendation as to whether or not there is a need for revisions to the Guidelines. That recommendation can then be forwarded to the ICCP Committee for endorsement.

4. WPISP delegates are invited to send responses to this questionnaire to the Secretariat (michael.donohue@oecd.org) by **1st December 2006**.

Timeline for Reviewing the Guidelines for Cryptography Policy	
Action	Date
Questionnaire circulated for response	20 October 2006
Responses due back to the Secretariat	1 December 2006
Draft report on responses discussed by WPISP	12-13 March 2007
ICCP asked to endorse WPISP conclusions	11-12 October 2007

¹ The text of the Recommendation is available at:
http://www.oecd.org/document/34/0,2340,en_2649_34255_1814690_1_1_1_1,00.html.

QUESTIONS

- Q1 In view of developments since the adoption of the 1997 OECD Guidelines on Cryptography Policy, are the Guidelines still adequate?
- Q2 If no to Q1, are there any principles of the Guidelines that may require modification or deletion?
- Q3 If no to Q1, is there a need for new principles to be developed?
- Q4 If no to Q1, is there a need for changes to parts of the Guidelines other than the principles? (E.g. the definitions section or the background report)
- Q5 If no to Q1, do you have any additional observations regarding the continued adequacy of the Guidelines?