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**DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR REVIEWING THE 2007 COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION ON  
ELECTRONIC AUTHENTICATION**

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*This draft questionnaire is submitted for discussion and adoption at the 28th WPISP meeting on 8-9 March 2010.*

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RECOMMENDATION ON ELECTRONIC AUTHENTICATION**

1. The Recommendation on Electronic Authentication was adopted by the OECD Council on 12 June 2007 [C(2007)68]. It reaffirms the important role of electronic authentication in fostering trust online and the continued development of the digital economy. It encourages efforts by Member countries to establish compatible, technology-neutral approaches for effective domestic and cross-border electronic authentication of persons and entities.

2. The Recommendation represented the culmination of a series of initiatives to implement the 1998 Ottawa Ministerial Declaration on Authentication for Electronic Commerce. It was developed on the basis of the Guidance on Electronic Authentication [DSTI/ICCP/REG(2006)3/REV3] which was developed by the Working Party on Information Security and Privacy (WPISP) and adopted by the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy (ICCP). The OECD Council declassified the Guidance when it adopted the Recommendation on 12 June 2007.

3. In 2007, the WPISP initiated a new stream of work that focuses on the management of digital identity (IdM) and builds upon its previous work on electronic authentication, including the 2007 Guidance and the Recommendation. WPISP activities related to IdM included the organisation of a workshop in Trondheim, Norway, in 2007, the development of a report on "The Role of Digital Identity Management in the Internet Economy: A Primer for Policy Makers" [DSTI/ICCP/REG(2008)10/FINAL] and, more recently, a survey of National Strategies and Policies for IdM in OECD Countries [DSTI/ICCP/REG(2010)3].

4. The Recommendation instructs the ICCP Committee to *monitor developments* connected with electronic authentication in OECD Member countries and other international forums and to *review* the Recommendation within three years of its adoption and thereafter as appropriate.

5. At their 27th meeting on 12-13 October 2009, WPISP delegates agreed to include questions in the Questionnaire on National Strategies and Policies for IdM [DSTI/ICCP/REG(2009)15/REV1] with a view to monitor developments related to e-authentication. They also agreed to carry out the review of the Recommendation on the basis of a questionnaire to be circulated in 2010. Similar questionnaire-based review processes were carried out for the 2002 and 2007 reviews of the 1997 Cryptography Guidelines, and for the 2007 review of the 2002 Security Guidelines.

6. It is proposed that the attached questions, modelled on the above mentioned questionnaires, be circulated to member countries after the 28th WPISP meeting in March 2010. A brief report on the responses will then be prepared for discussion at the December 2010 WPISP meeting. At that meeting, the WPISP will be asked to agree on the conclusion of the review regarding whether or not there is a need to revise the Recommendation. That conclusion can then be forwarded to the ICCP Committee for endorsement.

**Action requested:** *WPISP delegates are invited to discuss and agree on the proposed questionnaire and timeline.*

<b>Timeline for Reviewing the 2007 Recommendation on e-authentication</b>	
<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
Discussion on and adoption of the draft questionnaire	8-9 March 2010
Circulation of the questionnaire	1 April 2010
Discussion of the draft report on responses by the WPISP	2-3 December 2010
ICCP asked to endorse WPISP conclusions	March 2011 meeting

### QUESTIONS

- Q1 In view of developments since the adoption of the 2007 Council Recommendation on E-authentication, is the Recommendation still adequate?
- Q2 If no to Q1, are there any elements of the Recommendation that may require modification or deletion?
- Q3 If no to Q1, is there a need for new elements to be developed?
- Q4 If no to Q1, do you have any additional observations regarding the continued adequacy of the Recommendation?