

**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2020/961****of 29 June 2020****granting Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen authorisation for access to information classified up to level  
TRÈS SECRET UE/EU TOP SECRET**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/488/EU of 23 September 2013 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular point (a) of paragraph 18 of Annex I thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2017/262 of 6 February 2017 determining, for the General Secretariat of the Council, the appointing authority and the authority empowered to conclude contracts of employment, and repealing Decision 2013/811/EU <sup>(2)</sup>,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2020/618 of 30 April 2020 appointing the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2025 <sup>(3)</sup>,

Whereas:

- (1) The competent Danish national security authority gave a positive assurance on 11 June 2020 with regard to access to information classified up to level TRÈS SECRET UE/EU TOP SECRET by Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN.
- (2) It is necessary, owing to his assignment and the needs of the service, to authorise Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN to have access to information classified up to level TRÈS SECRET UE/EU TOP SECRET held by the Council and the European Council,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

1. Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN is hereby granted authorisation for access to information classified up to level TRÈS SECRET UE/EU TOP SECRET held by the Council and the European Council for the purposes of his assignment.
2. The authorisation referred to in paragraph 1 shall be valid for the duration of the assignment for which this authorisation is granted and shall not exceed a period of five years, starting from the date this Decision takes effect.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall take effect on 1 July 2020.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN.

Done at Brussels, 29 June 2020.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
A. METELKO-ZGOMBIĆ

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 274, 15.10.2013, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 39, 16.2.2017, p. 4.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 143, 6.5.2020, p. 11.