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To: ROSSIDES Giorgos (CAB-AVRAMOPOULOS)
Subject: Meeting with Microsoft on 25 May

Giorgos,

As requested, here is a summary of the meeting with Microsoft yesterday.

Regards,
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Present:

Cabinet:

- Diane Schmitt
- Giorgos Rossides
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Microsoft

- [REDACTED] (US based)
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Microsoft explained that they see data-sharing among governments as key to managing migration issues. They believe that reluctance to share data is policy-driven rather than technology based. They have secure solutions available that are system-independent. Cloud computing offers large capacities for analysing big data. They recognise that governments will want to retain some data on their own premises.

DS acknowledged the importance of cloud computing. GR referred to the importance of inter-operability of systems as referred to in the recent communication. DS added that data must be secure.

Microsoft said that their systems are highly secure. They have audit results and US government certification to prove it. They have a major programme of data centre construction underway. They aim to have data centres in "big" countries because such countries want cloud computing to be done in their jurisdictions. Smaller countries are more flexible.

GR asked about the scope for sharing biometric data. Microsoft said that they would "love" to discuss this further.

Microsoft then explained about their so-called awareness solutions for smart cities. Essentially this involves fusing various data streams (car recognition, facial recognition...) and using them to drive predictive systems. Microsoft is selling such systems in London, NY, Washington DC and Singapore.

GR thanks Microsoft for their support on the Internet Forum and outlines the next steps.

Meeting ends. No specific follow-up required.