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Subject: MC Endorsement Procedure for SOGIS Protection Profiles

Definition

- 1 In accordance with Article 10 of the Mutual Recognition Agreement of Information Technology Security Evaluation Certificates [MRA], the Management Committee is been established to oversee and administer the activities of the Agreement. The procedures and principal responsibilities of the Management Committee are set forth in Annex H to the Agreement [MRA].
- 2 The Management Committee adopted the Joint Interpretation Working Group (JIWG) to provide technical advice and recommendations to the Management Committee, and to work on interpretations, on attack methods and to propose and work on IT technical domains.
- 3 The business of that Working Group includes, among others, developing and recommending procedures for the conduct of business Agreement, and also share common technical discussions on relevant Protection Profiles for TOEs related to the JIL (Joint Interpretation Library). One recommendation in this sense is the development of a procedure focused on creating and maintaining a common catalogue of Protection Profiles (PPs) used by the SOGIS MRA members.

Rationale

- 4 The Common Criteria (CC) and the associated evaluation methodology (CEM) provide a useful tool in order to specify implementation-independent statements of security needs for a TOE i.e. Protection Profiles (PPs). The main goal of PPs is to allow consumer groups, Governmental bodies, and communities of interest to express their security needs, and to facilitate writing STs.
- 5 Different SOGIS schemes develop, evaluate and certify PPs for different types of products in order to be used by industry and to be required by Public Administrations in procurement processes. It is a clear necessity for SOGIS schemes to keep themselves updated on what are the existing

PPs used by them, in order to harmonize and coordinate new developments and certifications in this field.

Endorsement Procedure

- 6 Protection Profiles are certified by SOGIS schemes, each scheme will notify its activity in this subject on a regular basis to the JIWG chairman: when a new PP development starts, or a PP is certified, or a PP changes, etc. The JIWG chairman will maintain a catalogue of SOGIS PPs structured in different types of PPs and with several statuses possible.
- 7 New members, or initially all SOGIS members, are requested to send a preliminary update on their PPs to the JIWG chairman.
- 8 The information on each submitted PP should be organized in this way:
 - 1) PP **Title**: just the document title.
 - 2) PP **ID/code/number/CB**: to identify it for searching purposes.
 - 3) PP **Description**: brief description of the PP, type of TOE, and so on.
 - 4) PP **Status**: certified, under development, evaluation ongoing, update ongoing, or deprecated.
 - 5) PP **Author**: the developer/writer of the PP.
 - 6) PP **Type**: recommended, common use or national PP.
- 9 **Recommended PP**: category that requires to be endorsed by the SOGIS MC, previous JIWG proposal and technical study. They are recommended to be used as the unique or main PP reference for STs of TOEs included in the scope of such a PP. The idea is that this type of PPs will become kind of standard avoiding duplications between schemes. Collisions i.e. situations where two or more different schemes apply for the same specific type of “recommended PP” will be studied case by case in JIWG and a proposal is passed to MC for final decision.
- 10 **Common use PP**: category covering the PPs that can be classified as common use for JIWG schemes and that are discussed and commented in JIWG meetings. This category is just informative and does not require the SOGIS MC endorsement.
- 11 **National PP**: category including national scheme PPs, in principle only relevant for a specific scheme. Again, this category is just informative; do not require the SOGIS MC endorsement.
- 12 The JIWG chairman will report the PP catalog activity and proposals to the MC chairman previously to each MC meeting in order to be included in the agenda.

Update Procedure

- 13 Each SOGIS scheme should report to the JIWG chairman any update on their related PPs with an on demand basis. E.g. when a new PP development starts, when there is a status change, and so forth.
- 14 The JIWG chairman will update the catalogue and notify the MC chairman. If an MC decision is necessary the proper proposal will be also submitted attached to this notification.

Removal of Recommended Status Procedure

- 15 Any SOGIS member can request to remove the status of “recommended” for specific PP.
- 16 A removal request must be sent to the JIWG chairman with a rationale attached to it. The JIWG chairman will open an ad hoc study period for the request, with a maximum duration of three months to conclude. A conclusions of this study will be notified in addition to the removal request to the MC chairman in order to handle this decision in the next MC meeting agenda.

Label Procedure

- 17 The type of PPs termed as “recommended” will have *an extra cover* associated with the existing document marked with the *SOGIS logo*.
- 18 See Annex A for the extra cover template and *SOGIS logo* to be used.
- 19 The “recommended” PPs will be published in the SOGIS MRA website portal and also in the JIL repository.
- 20 The list of “common use” PPs will be published in the portal and JIL repository, but the publication of the PP itself will be done in each CB website.
- 21 The “national” PPs will not be published in the portal, the list will be kept in the JIL repository, and the publication of the PP itself will be done in each CB website.

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References

[MRA] Mutual Recognition Agreement of Information Technology Security Evaluation Certificates Version 3.0



SOGIS-MRA Recommended Common Criteria Protection Profile

[pp-title]

[pp-version-no, date]

[reference of PP, if applicable]

[certificate-id]

[reference to a regulation, if applicable]

This Protection Profile is recommended by the members of the Mutual Recognition Agreement of Information Technology Security Evaluation Certificates (SOGIS-MRA) for use in the applicable area.

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