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Extracts from the common press conference of Neelie Kroes, Cecilia Malmström and Catherine Ashton on cyber security strategy

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On 7 February 2013, Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the EC, Cecilia Malmström, Member of the EC in charge of Home Affairs, and Neelie Kroes, Vice-President of the EC in charge of the Digital Agenda, held a joint press conference on the EU cyber security plan to protect open internet and online freedom and opportunity. The European Commission, together with the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, published a cyber security strategy alongside a Commission proposed directive on network and information security (NIS). The cybersecurity strategy – "An Open, Safe and Secure Cyberspace" - represents the EU's comprehensive vision on how best to prevent and respond to cyber disruptions and attacks. This is to further European values of freedom and democracy and ensure the digital economy can safely grow. Specific actions are aimed at enhancing cyber resilience of information systems, reducing cybercrime and strengthening EU international cyber-security policy and cyber defence. The strategy articulates the EU's vision of cyber-security in terms of five priorities: achieving cyber resilience; drastically reducing cybercrime; developing cyber defence policy and capabilities related to the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP); developing the industrial and technological resources for cyber-security; and establishing a coherent international cyberspace policy for the European Union and promoting core EU values.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:00:00	Title	00:00:05
10:00:05	Arrival of the speakers	00:00:05
10:00:10	SOUNDBITE by Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the EC, (in ENGLISH) saying that trust and confidence should be improved not only between States but also between private and public sector; so, the strategy they are launching sets out a number of priorities to improve IT systems, reduce cybercrime and establish an international cyber space policy for the EU; that means looking at how Member States work better together and what the EU institutions and agencies can do to help them; it means improving cooperation between different EU policy areas and promoting coordination between the military and civilian sides; that means working closely with the EU's international partners, the private sector and civil society.	00:00:40
10:00:50	Cutaway of a photographer	00:00:04

10:00:55	SOUNDBITE by Cecilia Malmström, Member of the EC in charge of Home Affairs, (in ENGLISH) saying that the fact is that there is a growing number of incidents every day; it is estimated that more than one million cyber attacks are being made every day and it is growing; so they need to make sure that the European citizens can benefit from an open and safe and free Internet; and it can only be done with a secure internet environment.	00:00:19
10:01:15	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:05
10:01:20	SOUNDBITE by Neelie Kroes, Vice-President of the EC in charge of the Digital Agenda, (in ENGLISH) saying that we need to protect our networks and systems, and make them resilient; that can only happen when all actors play their part and take up their responsibilities; cyber threats are not contained to national borders, nor should cyber security be; so the strategy is accompanied by a proposed Directive to strengthen cyber-resilience within our single market; it will ensure that companies take the measures needed for safe, stable networks.	00:00:35
10:01:55	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:04
10:02:00	SOUNDBITE by Cecilia Malmström (in ENGLISH) saying that if they want to be credible in their efforts to fight cybercrime they need better legislation, more resources and better coordination; they have already advanced quite a lot but they need to do much more; saying that one of her first initiatives, that she presented two years before, was a legal proposal for clear and harmonised rules to reduce cybercrime, with adequate sanctions in case of major offences; this is now being negotiated and hopefully soon finalized between the Council and the European Parliament.	00:00:29
10:02:29	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:05

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