

# Statement of the Committee on Defence 2012/13:FöU11

## Annex 2

### **Reasoned opinion of the Riksdag**

The Government considers that several of the proposed measures can effectively contribute to increased security at the European and national level. However, the Government considers the proposals to be too comprehensive, exhaustive and disproportionately costly in relation to what can be expected to be achieved. The proposals also concern several sectors and levels of society. A fundamental approach should be that the proposals in the directive are implemented on the basis of the preconditions that exist in each particular member state. Implementing the measures should therefore not be binding.

The Government's overall assessment is that the objective of a high common level of network and information security across the Union is not to be achieved with the help of binding legislation at EU level. Strengthening the Union's common level of network and information security can rather be achieved by means of non-binding measures, collaboration between member states and active national efforts. The Government considers that it is doubtful in which way work on national strategies could be more effective through legislation at EU level. In addition to this, effective measures to ensure network and information security often require rapid action at the local level rather than centralised coordinated action at EU level.

The Riksdag agrees with the Government's assessment. The Riksdag considers that measures of the kind proposed in the proposed directive concerning measures to ensure a high common level of network and information security across the Union should be the responsibility of each member state in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity. The Riksdag thus finds that the Commission's proposals in COM(2013) 48 conflict with the principle of subsidiarity.