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In a circular dated November 22, 2023, French Prime Minister Élisabeth Borne requested the deployment of the French Olvid application on the phones and computers of members of the Government and ministerial cabinets.

With this choice, the French government is acquiring the world's first truly private messaging solution, and the only private messaging platform to have received top-level security certification (CSPN) from the Agence nationale de la sécurité des systèmes d'information (ANSSI). It also reaffirms its full support for French Tech, and its focus on the strategic challenges of cybersecurity, innovation and technological sovereignty in France.

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"The government's decision marks a major milestone for Olvid, not only in France, but also in Europe and internationally. It's a source of immense pride for all those who have contributed to making a French and European approach to user respect a reality, and to making Olvid the world's first truly private messaging solution. An easy-to-use solution that asks for no personal data and makes no compromises on security, so that an exchange on Olvid is as secure and private as a real exchange behind closed doors, whether you use the free or paid version." - Thomas Baignères, co-founder and CEO of Olvid.

As the November 22 circular points out, Olvid instant messaging guarantees the protection of its users' data "thanks to a decentralized directory and end-to-end message encryption, while retaining the same functionalities as other consumer applications". Whereas the majority of messaging systems use a centralized directory of all users, implying the mandatory sharing of personal data (telephone number, e-mail address, surname, first name, postal address, date of birth, access to address book, etc.), Olvid messaging requires no personal data and relies exclusively on the trust that users place in each other. In other words, since centralized directories constitute a "central point of



failure” for traditional messaging systems, Olvid relies on a decentralized directory which, combined with data encryption, offers an unrivalled level of protection.

A free consumer version, downloadable from mobile app stores, enables “fully satisfactory” use of the application, according to the circular. A paid “Enterprise” version also exists, offering additional functionalities.

Whichever version users choose, they remain in full control of their communications and benefit from the world's only truly private messaging service, totally sealed off from external aggression, with no spam or advertising.

Every day, Olvid secures the communications of over 100,000 users worldwide. Launched in May 2019 by Thomas Baignères, Matthieu Finiasz, Jacques-André Bondy and Cédric Sylvestre, the company quickly became a great success: prize at the International Cybersecurity Forum in 2020; winner of the Palmes du Jury and du Public du Prix de l'Innovation des Assises de la Cybersécurité 2020; first instant messaging service to be CSPN-certified by ANSSI; winner of the French Tech DeepNum20 program as part of the France 2030 plan; chosen by leading players such as MEDEF, RAID, Université Paris Dauphine-PSL but also major companies such as Sopra Steria. Olvid is regularly cited as one of France's most promising cybersecurity start-ups.

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