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To: pqc-forum@list.nist.gov
Subject: [pqc-forum] Round 3 algorithm announcement?
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 04:00:39 AM ET

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<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/06/28/g7-leaders-communique/>

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/06/28/fact-sheet-the-united-states-continues-to-strengthen-cooperation-with-g7-on-21st-century-challenges-including-those-posed-by-the-peoples-republic-of-china-prc/>

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John,

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