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Subject : Contribution of the Polish delegation to the report of the future group (police and migration)

Poland welcomes with satisfaction the publication of the final Future Group report.

Recommendations contained in the report will undoubtedly be very valuable for the discussion about the shape of the new multiannual programme in the area of Freedom, Security and Justice for the years 2010 – 2014.

Poland suggests that the discussions on issues raised by the Future Group take place within a special working ad-hoc group of the Council, composed of representatives from all EU Member States, the European Commission and the European Parliament.

The group should meet in thematic sub-groups, so that specific points of the area of Freedom, Security and Justice are discussed by experts. Thanks to such formula it will be possible to take into account the points of view of all decision-makers who will be in charge of implementing the programme in the years 2010-2014.

Among issues to be raised first are those which were subject to reflection of the Future Group. The reason for this effort to be made is that recommendations of the Group are the result of discussions by a limited number of Member States. The main issues related to conditions and strategic directions of the internal security and migration policy should also be raised with the participation of Member States which have not taken part in the Group's works.

The debate on the shape of the multiannual programme in the area of Freedom, Security and Justice for the years 2010 – 2014 should also take account of issues which have not been discussed yet, especially those related to the following points:

- a) General rules,
- b) Issues concerning fundamental rights,
- c) Issues related to the cohesion of financial instruments to support the growing activity in the field of internal security and migration;
- d) Implementation methods for the programme and evaluation mechanisms of programme realisation progress; particular attention should be paid to the quality of regulations which should prevent a visible inflation of drafts of legal acts.
- e) Establish methods of maximum use of legal instruments aiming at improving the cooperation between Member States' law enforcement authorities and EU agencies in order to ensure enhanced security to EU citizens in their everyday life and methods of fighting global threats (terrorism, cross-border crime);
- f) Efficient protection of civilians against the effects of natural disasters.

The outcome of this debate would be to specify the scope and conditions of applying the convergence principle.

The future multiannual programme should be focused on the establishment of a specific plan to promote EU citizens freedom in case of any potential security threat. In this context it would be necessary to establish detailed rules for the application of advanced technology (especially ICT) to attain objectives set in the area of Freedom, Security and Justice.