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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of :	Police Cooperation Group / Mixed Committee
on :	1 and 2 July 1999

1 July 1999

1. Approval of the agenda

The Group approved the agenda as set out in telex 2949 of 22 June 1999.

2. Work programme of the Finnish Presidency

The Group welcomed the work programme which had been distributed as a room document. Furthermore, the Group took note of the list of issues in the field of Justice and Home Affairs (doc. 9481/99 JAI 52) and of the programme for external relations (doc. 9622/99 JAI 57).

3. The route policing project in combating illicit trafficking of firearms

(Doc. 9318/99 ENFOPOL 47)

The Group

- agreed that a joint police operation will be prepared for the prevention and combating of the illegal movement of firearms and this in the framework of the Council Resolution of 27.5.1999 on combating international crime with fuller cover of the routes used (OJ C162, 9.6.1999, p. 1);
- invited the delegations to reply by the end of July to the questionnaire which was distributed at an earlier stage on illegal traffic of firearms.

4. Football hooliganism

- a) The Group agreed on the Annual Report 1997/98 (doc. 8023/99 ENFOPOL 36);
- b) The Presidency invited the delegations to reply by the end of September to the questionnaire 12 172/97 ENFOPOL 216 in view of the establishing of the Annual Report 1998/99;
- c) The Group suggested to prepare a revised version of the questionnaire in autumn 1999.

5. Report of the meeting of the Heads of the National Coordination Centres on Public order and Security of 10 June 1999

The Group

- had a first exchange of views on the minimum standards for the purposes of exchanging information on public order and security matters, as set out in document 9425/99 ENFOPOL 48;
- decided to come back to this item at a forthcoming meeting;
- invited the delegations to send, by the end of July, comments to the Council Secretariat in view of further discussion.

6. Crime prevention

The Group

- was informed by the Austrian and German delegations of the situation of combating violence against women;
- took note of the report of the Commission on violence against women and trafficking in women.

7. Next meeting

The Group had an exchange of views on a certain number of items which will be put on the agenda of the next meeting.

8. Other business

The United Kingdom delegation informed the Group of the organisation of a Conflict Management Seminar which will be held in the United Kingdom in November 1999.

2 July 1999 : Technical Cooperation

A. Mixed Committee Iceland/Norway

1. Work programme of the Finnish Presidency

The Group had an exchange of views on the Presidency's work programme which had been distributed as a room document.

2. Radio communications: TETRA and TETRAPOL

(Doc. 5338/2/97 ENFOPOL 9 Rev. 2, SCH/I(98) 76 rev., SCH/I-Telecom (99) 24, SCH/I (98)17 rev. 4)

The Group

- took note of the steps taken in the field of radio communications and examined the way forward;
- was informed by the Presidency that a seminar will take place in Helsinki on 21 and 22 September 1999, in view of the further discussion of the problems in this field.

3. European emergency call number

(Doc. SCH/I(99) 5 rev.2, SCH/I-Telecom (99) 13 and 15)

The Group

- took note of the Presidency's intention to have the above item examined in the framework of the implementation of the Council Decision of 29.7.1991 on the introduction of a single European emergency number (OJ L 217, 6.8.1991, p. 31);
- decided to come back to this item, whenever it appears necessary.

B. Police Cooperation Group

1. Follow-up to the Mixed Committee meeting

- Radio communications

The French delegation formulated a reservation on the procedure foreseen for the examination of the questions concerning radio communications.

The Irish delegation expressed doubts about the inclusion of the item radio communications in the agenda of the Mixed Committee Iceland/Norway.

2. Interception of telecommunications

(Doc. 6715/99 ENFOPOL 19)

The Group

- took note of a UK reservation on the above text of a draft Resolution;
- decided to come back to this item after the ILETS meeting in Lyon on 16/19 November 1999 (Internal Law Enforcement Telecommunications Seminar).

3. After-theft systems for vehicle recovery

(Doc. 7533/99 ENFOPOL 27)

The Group

- examined the summary of replies given to questionnaire CEN/TC 278/WG 14 of the European Standardisation Committee's Working Group 14 on stolen vehicles;
- invited the UK delegation to inform the Group of progress to be made concerning a standard for data protection in this area.

4. Year 2000 computer problem and its unforeseen effects in the society
(Doc. 7165/99 ENFOPOL 22)

The Group

- received an interim report of the replies given by delegations to the questionnaire 7165/99 ENFOPOL 22;
- was informed that the final report will be presented in September 1999.

5. Other business

a) UK national legislation on encryption and law enforcement and interception of telecommunications.

The UK delegation distributed information on the above UK legislation.

b) Missing persons

The Netherlands delegation invited those delegations which have not yet replied to the questionnaire 6196/99 ENFOPOL 12 to do so.
