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CONCLUSIONS

of: meeting of Steering Group I

on: 7 and 8 November 1994

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda in telex No 4050 of 4 November was adopted by Steering Group I.

2. Draft Council Resolution relating to limitations on the admission of third-country nationals to the territory of the Member States of the European Union for study purposes (7996/4/94 ASIM 127 REV 4)

Steering Group I examined the above document, in which some reservations remain. A meeting note setting out the delegations' comments will be prepared for the K.4 Committee meeting from 9 to 11 November 1994.

3. Draft Resolution relating to limitations on the admission of third-country nationals to the Member States for the purpose of pursuing activities as self-employed persons (7572/3/94 ASIM 115 REV 3)

Steering Group I examined the above document, which will be forwarded to the K.4 Committee for its meeting from 9 to 11 November 1994 together with a meeting note setting out the delegations' comments.

4. Draft Council conclusions on burden-sharing with regard to the admission and residence of refugees
(10004/94 ASIM 192)

The Presidency was unable to secure the withdrawal of all the delegations' reservations on the above document. Two areas of disagreement remain:

- the reference to a 1991 ministerial decision (section B(6));
- the criteria applied for the admission of displaced persons (section B(7)).

The document will be forwarded to the K.4 Committee for its meeting from 9 to 11 November 1994 together with a meeting note.

In addition, the Legal Service of the General Secretariat of the Council will prepare a draft Council Decision on the Rapid Consultation Centre for submission to the next meeting of the K.4 Committee.

5. Minimum guarantees for asylum procedures
(8713/3/94 ASIM 152 REV 3)

The delegations' comments will be set out in a revised document (8713/4/94 ASIM 152 REV 4) which will be submitted to the K.4 Committee.

6. Draft Rules of Procedure of the Committee provided for in Article 18 of the Dublin Convention
(9589/94 JUR 215 ASIM 183)

This item was not taken. It is to be discussed in detail by the Working Party on Asylum.

7. **Travel facilities for third-country school pupils residing in a Member State**
(10495/94 ASIM 211)

Steering Group I examined the above document, which will be forwarded to the K.4 Committee for its meeting from 9 to 11 November 1994, together with a meeting note containing the delegations' comments.

8. **Proposal for a Council Regulation determining the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of a visa when crossing the external borders of the Member States**
(9989/94 ASIM 189)

This item was not taken. It is to be discussed in detail by the Working Party on Visas.

9. **Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down a uniform format for visas**
(10506/94 ASIM 212)

Steering Group I examined the above document, which will be forwarded to the K.4 Committee for its meeting from 9 to 11 November 1994 together with a meeting note setting out the delegations' comments. It is planned to submit the document to the Council of Ministers meeting in November to indicate the progress already made in this area pending the Opinion of the European Parliament.

10. **Draft standard bilateral readmission agreement between a Member State and a third country**
(10337/94 ASIM 204
10339/94 ASIM 206)

Steering Group I approved the text of the draft Council Recommendation concerning a draft standard bilateral readmission agreement (10337/94 ASIM 204). It will be forwarded to the K.4 Committee with a view to adoption by the Council (JHA) as an "A" item at the end of November.

11. Implementation of readmission agreements

(10339/94 ASIM 206)

There are still major reservations on the draft Protocol (10339/94 ASIM 206) which, pursuant to the draft Council Recommendation, is to be annexed to the above draft standard bilateral readmission agreement (10337/94 ASIM 204).

The text will be forwarded to the K.4 Committee together with a meeting note containing the delegations' comments.

12. Concertation and cooperation regarding the execution of expulsion measures

(10338/94 ASIM 205)

Steering Group I agreed on the text of a draft Recommendation concerning a standard travel document for the expulsion of third-country nationals. It will be forwarded to the K.4 Committee with a view to possible adoption by the Council (JHA) as an "A" item at the end of November.

13. Draft conclusions of the Council of the European Union on the organization of the Centre for Information, Discussion and Exchange as a Clearing House for questions concerning the crossing of borders and immigration

(10392/94 CIREFI 23)

Steering Group I reached agreement on the above text of 10392/94 CIREFI 23, which will be forwarded to the K.4 Committee. It should be possible for the text to be adopted as an "A" item by the forthcoming Council meeting (JHA) on 30 November and 1 December.

Steering Group I did not examine the two documents on exchange of information forms (10074 CIREFI 22) and definitions (8842/1/94 CIREFI 14 REV 1). They will be discussed in detail by CIREFI at its meeting on 22 November.

14. Draft Resolution of the Council of the European Union on further improvement of security at external borders
(10510/94 ASIM 213)

The Greek delegation wanted the last paragraph in the preamble, relating to increased migratory pressure on some Member States owing to their geographical situation, to be included in the enacting terms as paragraph 1.

The Netherlands delegation wanted the draft Resolution submitted to the European Parliament for an Opinion.

The above text will therefore be submitted to the K.4 Committee with the two remaining reservations.

15. Progress report concerning discussions on the Commission initiative on a Convention on the control of persons crossing the external frontiers
(11287/93 ASIM 32)

The Presidency gave an oral report on progress made in this area. There are still major differences of opinion between the Member States on the following points:

- territorial application (Gibraltar);
- the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice;
- visa regulations;
- the list of admissible persons;
- the adoption process for implementing measures.

The K.4 Committee will be informed of these unresolved problems.

The Group was informed that the Presidency had organized two meetings to examine a draft common manual on controls at external frontiers.

The preparatory meeting will be held in Bonn from 8 to 10 November 1994. Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom, the Troika and the countries applying for accession will take part.

The plenary meeting will be held in Brussels from 14 to 16 December.

16. Combating illegal immigration networks and illegal immigration

(7862/94 ENFOPOL 83)

Steering Group I noted that in future the Working Party on External Borders would be continuing the work carried out by the Working Party on Drugs and Organized Crime on the question of illegal immigration and illegal immigration networks.