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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of : Police Co-operation Group

of : 9 and 10 September 1999

9 September 1999

1. Approval of the agenda

The Group approved the agenda as set out in telex 3575 of 2 August 1999.

2. Inventory of assistance and training to the CEECs

- Replies to questionnaire 5176/98 ENFOPOL 3

The President of the AEPC (Association of European Police Colleges) presented the Inventory on bilateral non-operational police co-operation, which was distributed to all delegations.

The Group

- welcomed the progress made in this area of police co-operation;
- suggested to update regularly the information given in the inventory;
- decided to come back to this item at its next meeting.

3. Co-ordination of research in the police field (7586/99 ENFOPOL 29)

The Presidency presented a progress report, a summary of the first meeting of the European police research network (Helsinki, 14/7/1999), and a programme for the second meeting foreseen in Helsinki on 29 and 30 September 1999.

The Group

- had an exchange of views on the co-ordination of research (comparability of statistical data on criminal offences, role of Europol).
- will come back to this matter after the experts' meeting in Helsinki.

4. EU participation in the ILEA-Bangkok (International Law Enforcement Academy)

- Discussion on the possible forms of participation (9110/99 CATS 7 ENFOPOL 43, 10513/99 ENFOPOL 55)

The Group

- examined the forms of participation in the ILEA-Bangkok;
- invited the AEPC to study the possible forms of participation and to present a report to the Group;
- will come back to this item as soon as the report from the AEPC will have been transmitted.

5. Football hooliganism

a) Annual report 1997/98

The Group was informed that the Article 36 Committee had approved the annual report 1997/98 (8023/99 ENFOPOL 36 + COR 1 + COR 2).

b) Preparation of the report 1998/99

The Group decided

- to reply by the end of September to the questionnaire 12172/97 ENFOPOL 216;
- to prepare in autumn a revised version of the questionnaire.

6. Co-operation between National co-ordination centres on public order and security

- Future possibilities for improving information exchange (9425/99 ENFOPOL 48)

The Group

- continued the examination of the above document;
- invited the delegations to send comments to the German delegation by 24 September 1999;
- decided to come back to this item as soon as the German delegation will have presented a revised version of the document.

7. Next meeting

The Group had an exchange of views on a number of items which will be put on the agenda of the next meeting foreseen for 13 and 14 October 1999.

8. Other business

a) Policing of environmental protest (questionnaire) (10716/99 ENFOPOL 56)

The United Kingdom delegation drew the attention to the above document.

b) Conflict management conference (Ascot, 3-5.11.1999)

Research into cross-border fugitives (Draft questionnaire)

The United Kingdom delegation distributed information on the above conference and informed delegations that it will distribute the above draft questionnaire.

c) Route policing project in combating trafficking of firearms (9318/99 ENFOPOL 47)

The Finnish delegation gave a progress report on the above project.

d) Multiannual programme for police co-operation

The Netherlands delegation encouraged the present and future Presidencies to come forward with a multiannual programme for police co-operation.

e) Car theft and Moscow police

The Netherlands delegation suggested to have the above subject on the agenda of the EU/Russia meeting in December 1999.

10 September 1999: Technical co-operation

A. Mixed Committee Iceland/Norway

1. Approval of the agenda

The Group approved the agenda as set out in telex 3575 of 2 August 1999.

2. Radio communication

Future work concerning interoperability between Tetra and Tetrapol systems (10493/99 CATS 18 COMIX 164, p. 9; 10211/99 ENFOPOL 54; SCH/I-Telecom (99) 24, SCH/I (98) 76 rev.; SCH/I (98) 17 rev.4)

The Group

- was informed of the programme foreseen for the seminar which will be held in Helsinki on 21 and 22 September 1999; this seminar will prepare the work of the Group;
- decided to come back to this item at its October meeting after having received the Presidency report from the seminar.

B. Police Cooperation Group

1. Follow-up to the Mixed Committee meeting

The Group took note of the conclusions of the Mixed Committee meeting.

2. Interception of telecommunications

The Group

- had an exchange of views on the way forward in the area of interception (new technologies, draft Convention on mutual assistance in criminal matters between the Member States , work of ILETS);
- took note of the reservations which exist on document 6715/99 ENFOPOL 19;
- decided to submit the open questions to the Article 36 Committee.

3. Year 2000 computer problem and its unforeseen effects in the society

- Summary of replies to the questionnaire 7165/99 ENFOPOL 22 (10727/99 ENFOPOL 57 + COR 1)

The Group

- took note of the Council Resolution of 28.06.1999 on measures to address the year 2000 computer problem (OJ C 200, 15.07.1999, p.2);
- decided to consider the summary report 10727/99 ENFOPOL 57 as a handbook, especially as concerns the national contact points in this area.

4. DNA methodology

- Summary of replies to the questionnaire 7568/99 ENFOPOL 28 (10763/99 ENFOPOL 59)

The Group

- was informed of the present situation concerning the implementation of the Council Resolution of 09.06.1997 on the exchange of DNA analysis results (OJ C 193, 24.06.1997, p. 2);
- took note of the Presidency's intention to present a proposal for further progress for the exchange of DNA analysis results.

5. Missing persons and unidentified corpses

The Group

- invited the three delegations which had not yet replied to questionnaire 6196/99 ENFOPOL 12, to do so;
- received an interim report on the work of the existing national co-ordination centres.

6. Next meeting

The Presidency informed the Group of the items which will be put on the agenda of the next meeting.