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THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**ENFOCUSTOM 51**

**OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**1. Approval of the agenda**

The Group approved the agenda as set out in telex 4307 of 6 October 1999.

**2. Report on the Experts meeting of 4 October 1999**

The Group took note of the results of the above meeting (11679/99 ENFOCUSTOM 50).

**3. Convention on the use of information technology for customs purposes**

**a) Technical development (8865/99 ENFOCUSTOM 27)**

The Group

- was informed of the outcome of the experts meeting of 5 October 1999 on technical aspects of the first option for the development of the 3<sup>rd</sup> pillar Customs Information System;

- invited the Commission services to send to delegations further technical specifications about the above first option;
- will come back to this item at its next meeting.

**b) Rules of procedure of the Joint Supervisory Authority (10909/99 ENFOCUSTOM 43)**

The delegations took note of

- the draft rules of procedure prepared by the European Data Protection Commissioners;
- the fact that it will be for the future Joint Supervisory Authority to adopt its rules of procedure.

**4. Convention of 18.12.1997 on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administrations**

- **Application of the Convention to the excise duties (9347/99 ENFOCUSTOM 34, 9784/99 ENFOCUSTOM 35)**

The Group

- agreed that the Convention will be applicable to the excise duties;
- invited those delegations which think that their language versions should be corrected, to send proposals to the Council Secretariat.

**5. Customs cooperation with the Russian Federation**

**a) Second meeting of Sub-committee n° 6 (28/29 September 1999, 9189/99 ENFOCUSTOM 30)**

The Group was informed of the results of the above meeting, in particular of those concerning money laundering and cooperation between EU and Russian law enforcement agencies.

**b) Case study on Double Invoicing (10531/99 CRIMORG 111)**

The Group

- was informed by the Presidency of the structure of double invoicing as instrument of organised crime;

- had an exchange of views on this problem;
- invited the Presidency to inform the President of the Multidisciplinary Group on organised crime of this exchange of views.

**6. Proposal for a computerised records system for customs purposes in the EU Member States (9260/99 ENFOCUSTOM 22, 10568/99 ENFOCUSTOM 39)**

The Group

- examined the arguments set out in ENFOCUSTOM 39 in favor of a computerised records system for customs purposes;
- will continue to examine these arguments at its next meeting.

**7. Other business**

**a) Cooperation with Albania**

The Belgian delegation informed the Group of the difficulties Belgium has with the requests from Albanian authorities for assistance in customs matters.

**b) Internet fraud (8022/99 ENFOCUSTOM 22)**

The French delegation informed the Group of the results of the seminar on the preparation of an action plan to tackle Internet fraud.

**c) Collective evaluation (9765/1/99 EVAL 41 ELARG 82 REV 1)**

The Finnish delegation drew the attention of delegations to a problem concerning the Czech Republic (page 13 of the document, shortcomings).

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