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ASIM 255
MIGR 28

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

from: Migration (Admission) Working Party

dated: 3 December 1998

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Working Party adopted the agenda as set out in Telex No. 5440 of 26 November 1998, with the addition of a brief information report by the United Kingdom delegation on the meeting of the Aliens Smuggling Group of the G8 Lyon Group, which took place in London on 3 and 4 November 1998. This brief information report was to be presented at the meeting of the Migration (Expulsion) Working Party on 2 December 1998, but had been withdrawn from the latter's agenda due to lack of time (see 13995/98 ASIM 257 MIGR 29).

In its report, the United Kingdom delegation referred to the Lyon Group's agreement to develop a G8 position on the draft protocol on Migrant Smuggling (see 13374/98 ASIM 246 MIGR 26, agenda item 2) and on the one on Trafficking in Women and Children, which will be discussed by the Ad Hoc Committee of the UN Crime Commission at its first meeting in Vienna on 18-29 January 1999. It also mentioned the G8 current preparation of an action plan to address the problem of migrant smuggling, as well as the Group's development of operational projects against international smuggling networks. The United Kingdom delegation indicated that the next meeting of the Group will take place in Cologne on 13-15 January 1998.

2. **Draft report by the Presidency to the K.4 Committee on the Commission proposal for a Convention on rules for the admission of third-country nationals**
12027/2/98 ASIM 217 MIGR 19 REV 2

The report to the K. 4 Committee, as finalised at the meeting, is contained in 12027/3/98 ASIM 217 MIGR 19 REV 3.

3. **Information campaigns in countries of origin and transit on the legal requirements for entry into Member States**
10276/98 ASIM 182 MIGR 7
7384/98 ASIM 90
12376/98 ASIM 221 MIGR 21
13454/98 ASIM 248 MIGR 27

The Presidency presented 13454/98 ASIM 248 MIGR 27 (see also 13454/98 ASIM 248 MIGR 27 COR 1), which it had drawn up in cooperation with the Danish, German and Spanish delegations.

The Working Party held a first exchange of views on the actions envisaged on the last page of the document.

In response to queries from delegations, the Presidency clarified that the role of the independent expert body envisaged under point 5 would be of a technical nature, as opposed to the tasks to be carried out by the Working Party under points 1 to 4. The expert body would inter alia check the practical feasibility of the Working Party's findings.

In this connection, it was remarked, that in order to convey this idea more clearly, the term 'assessment' in point 5, which implies a political judgment, should be replaced by a term such as 'feasibility study' (F, I, Cion).

It was also observed that a clearer distinction is needed between political and technical actions; for example, the actions under points 1 and 2 are of a more political nature than the actions under points 3 and 4, and point 6 also covers technical matters (F). Likewise, it was noted that the feasibility study should cover the arrangements to be adopted under point 4, as well as all other technical aspects (such as the length of the campaigns and the most appropriate period for their organisation) (Cion).

The Presidency stressed that there is a necessary overlap between political and technical considerations, and held the view that all the matters under points 1 to 4 should be tackled at Working Party level

before being examined by the independent body.

The Danish delegation, finally, suggested that officials with practical experience should also be involved in the feasibility study.

6. Any other business

The German delegation briefly sketched the planned activities for its upcoming Presidency and broadly indicated that it intends to continue work on the initiatives undertaken by the Austrian Presidency.
