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Subject: Illegal-immigration networks

Re ENFOPOL 83, point II.3 - Convening of experts' meetings - the following clarifications have been provided by the Presidency:

1. The proposed experts' meetings are intended to involve senior officials from those authorities of the Member States which have the task of policing borders. It is important that only those experts are sent who are familiar with practical problems and decisions in the context of enforcement of border-policing measures. This should ensure as much reference as possible to practical situations.
2. In view of the complexity of border-policing tasks, it seems useful and necessary to exchange knowledge acquired by the border-police authorities of the Member States concerning developments and innovations in police-intervention tactics and technical equipment, and, where appropriate, to elaborate jointly on such knowledge in a way that also involves division of labour. This will lead to a considerable increase in efficiency for all those concerned.
3. Another result of the proposed experts' meetings could well be greater consistency in the standard of border-police monitoring and surveillance at enforcement level. This should make it increasingly difficult for criminal groups to find evasion tactics and loopholes.
4. One positive result of such meetings which should not be underestimated will, moreover, be the possibility of becoming personally acquainted with those taking decisions at enforcement level. Experience of comparable measures in other areas has shown that this considerably facilitates speedy and coordinated cooperation in concrete individual cases.

