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NOTE

from : French delegation

to : K.4 Committee

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The French delegation wishes to table comments on the EDU budget for 1995 as set out in 11563/94 EUROPOL 127.

France considers that expenditure further to the arrival of the three new Member States of the Union in the EDU can be covered by the original budget for 1995 adopted by the Ministers.

In these circumstances, it feels that, in the absence of detailed accounting of the carrying out of the expenditure committed by the EDU for the 1994 financial year, it is too early to make provision for additional expenditure and in this connection refers to the recommendations put forward by the French expert at the meeting on 29 and 30 August 1994 in The Hague, viz.:

- its concern that the especially rigorous national budget contexts be taken into account (which is particularly the case of France),
- its wish that the coordinator give proof in 1995 of his intention to stabilize the increase in EDU/Europol expenditure.

The French delegation also considers that, as it has already stated to the Europol Working Party, an EDU budgetary monitoring committee needs to be set up consisting of representatives of the Member States.

It hopes that these points will be returned to again in detail at a future meeting of financial experts (EDU).

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