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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENCY

to: Council (General Affairs) on 23 and 24 January 1995

Subject: Euro-Mediterranean Conference

In the light of the Political Committee's Opinion No 6/95 (4292/95) and the preparations made by the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Presidency submits to the Council for its approval the following conclusions regarding the timetable for and organization of preparatory work for the Euro-Mediterranean Conference.

1. The objective is to draw up a document on the substance of the matter by June. The document would serve as a basis for the position to be adopted by the Union at the Euro-Mediterranean Conference (date under consideration: 12 November 1995 in Barcelona), on the launching of a new Euro-Mediterranean partnership.
2. As regards the timetable and the working procedures, the various Council bodies concerned should be associated with the discussions and their views sought. Given the need to obtain rapid analyses and practical guidelines on all the subject-areas which might go to make up the future partnership (see point 4 below), the Presidency proposes the following procedure:

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- (a) the Political Committee, the Monetary Committee and the K4 Committee are asked to send in their contributions to questions falling within their areas of competence at the end of February 1995;
- (b) following the usual procedures, the Working Parties on the Middle East Peace Process, on the Maghreb/Mashrek and on South-East Europe will study aspects falling within their areas of competence, in joint meetings if necessary;
- (c) the outcome of the abovementioned proceedings will be the subject of a summary report by the Presidency, to be submitted to COREPER on 23 March 1995;
- (d) the Council (General Affairs) on 6 March 1995 will take stock, if necessary, of the progress of discussions;

On the basis of a report from COREPER, the Council (General Affairs) on 10 April 1995 will be asked to adopt the general terms of the document setting out the European Union's positions and priorities;

- (e) the Union's proposals will be the subject of preliminary talks with the third countries concerned under arrangements to be determined;
 - (f) the final document, taking account of the reactions of the partner countries, will be finalized on the basis of a draft by the Presidency which will be examined by COREPER and submitted for the approval of the Council (GA) on 12 and 13 June 1995, to be forwarded if appropriate to the European Council in Cannes (26 and 27 June 1995).
3. The Commission is asked to submit to the Council with all speed as many proposals as may prove appropriate to complete and clarify its communication of October 1994, especially in the financial field, in accordance with the conclusions of the Essen European Council.

4. The following eight topics should be examined for the Euro-Mediterranean Conference. The Presidency will submit draft guidelines as necessary at the beginning of February 1995:

- alignment, participation, follow-up to the Conference;
- political dialogue, security, including code of good practice (Political Committee);
- the third pillar, including migration and drugs (K4 Committee);
- financial and macro-economic environment (Monetary Committee);
- forms and instruments of economic and financial cooperation;
- environment;
- trade, rules of origin, regional integration;
- research, energy, networks, transport, fisheries, etc.;
- the human dimension, including exchanges, training/education, culture, decentralized cooperation, etc;

On all these subjects, the task of the Committees and Working Parties referred to at 2(a) and (b) will be to summarize work in progress, define aims for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, and suggest methods, procedures and possible difficulties to be overcome with regard to each of the proposals to be made.
