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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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### I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Group adopted the agenda set out in telex No 355 of 27 January 1995 as amended by the Presidency (REV 1 circulated in the meeting room), adding to item 6 (Drugs and organized crime) under the item entitled "Adoption of the German Presidency's situation report on organized crime in the European Union in 1993", document 12247/94 ENFOPOL 161 for adoption.

### II. PRESENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME OF STEERING GROUP II UNDER THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY

(4703/95 ENFOPOL 22)

The Presidency presented its work programme as set out in the above document.

Delegations welcomed the Presidency's programme.

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### III. EUROPOL DRUGS UNIT: amending budget for 1995

(11563/94 EUROPOL 127, 4038/95 EUROPOL 1, 4143/95 EUROPOL 2 and 4254/95 EUROPOL 3)

The Presidency presented its thinking on the role of the budgetary monitoring committee, whose creation it had proposed in 4143/95 EUROPOL 2. The idea was to set up a lightweight structure for flexible monitoring of budget implementation in particular, but also of other budgetary matters arising in connection with the EDU.

Various delegations did not want a new body to duplicate existing work, particularly the role of the Europol Working Party. The monitoring committee's aims should be spelled out and all Member States needed to be represented on it.

The Group agreed on the following approach:

- a flexible mechanism involving all Member States needed to be created for monitoring, inter alia, regular EDU expenditure;
- the Europol Working Party, drawing in particular on the outcome of the financial experts' meeting in The Hague on 2 February 1995, should devise such a mechanism for submission to Steering Group II in March 1995.

The German delegation stated that its agreement to this approach did not mean that it agreed to the setting up of a monitoring committee as provided for in 4143/95 EUROPOL 2.

#### IV. EUROPOL

##### 1. Extension of the mandate of the Europol Drugs Unit: information from the Presidency

(12030/1/94 CK4 97 REV 1 and 12321/1/94 CK4 98 REV 1)

###### (a) Text of the joint action (12321/1/94 CK4 98 REV 1)

The Group noted the Italian delegation's reservation on the wording of Article 7 (Finance), the Netherlands delegation having stated that its authorities would pay for rental and insurance.

The Group agreed to advise the K.4 Committee to delete the phrase "*occupying posts at a level below that of the Assistant Coordinators and*" in the third line of Article 5 (Staffing).

###### (b) Start of activities

The Group called upon EDU/Europol to prepare the extension of the mandate under the Europol Working Party's supervision. It would be desirable for a report on the matter to be placed before the K.4 Committee at its meeting on 22 February 1995.

It was pointed out that the conclusions on the start of the EDU's extra activities would have repercussions for the text of Article 8 of the joint action (date of entry into force).

##### 2. Oral progress report from the Chair on the draft Convention

(10324/2/94 EUROPOL 112 REV 2, 4268/95 EUROPOL 4, 4269/95 EUROPOL 5, 4440/95 EUROPOL 7, 4598/95 EUROPOL 10 and 4599/95 EUROPOL 11)

The Group's findings on this item are given in 4652/95 EUROPOL 13.

## V. POLICE COOPERATION

The Group heard an oral report by the Presidency on the proceedings of the Police Cooperation Working Party, as summarized in 4572/95 ENFOPOL 18.

### 1. Fight against racism and xenophobia

(11768/94 JAI 78 + COR 1 and 4634/95 ENFOPOL 20)

The Group discussed the Presidency proposal for a redraft of points B.1, 5, 6 and 7 in 11768/94 JAI 78 (see 4634/95 ENFOPOL 20). They would be incorporated in the final report for submission to the K.4 Committee on 22 February and subsequently to the Council in March 1995.

Various delegations tabled linguistic reservations pending translation of the proposal into all the languages.

The Danish delegation would be submitting its comments in the next few days.

### 2. Relations with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CCEEs)

(12030/1/94 CK4 97 REV 1, 10950/94 JAI 54 and 4413/95 CK4 3)

The Group was briefed on existing bi- and multilateral cooperation and on the questionnaire (4202/95 ENFOPOL 11) designed to draw up an inventory of cooperation between European Union Member States and the CCEEs with a view to rationalizing operations in this area.

The Belgian delegation considered that joint Union action on the matter could be decided in the longer term.

3. Technical and scientific police - Presidency communication on the preparation of a European Charter

The Group took note of the questionnaire on the organization and jurisdiction of technical and scientific police departments (4176/95 ENFOPOL 8) aimed at stepping up cooperation on technical and scientific matters and at drawing up a coherent work programme and a European common charter on technical and scientific police.

VI. DRUGS AND ORGANIZED CRIME

1. Oral report by the Chair of the Working Party on Drugs and Organized Crime

The Group welcomed the oral progress report by the Chair of the Working Party on Drugs and Organized Crime further to the meeting on 24 and 25 January 1995 (4542/95 ENFOPOL 17).

2. Fight against drugs

- (i) Position of the Working Party on Drugs and Organized Crime and the Customs Cooperation Working Party on the comprehensive European Union action plan to combat drugs (9870/3/94 ENFOPOL 128 REV 3)

Subject to a general linguistic reservation, the Group agreed on the amended version of the above position set out in 9870/4/94 ENFOPOL 128 REV 4. That document will be presented at the next meeting of the K.4 Committee.

- (ii) Strategy to combat illicit drug trafficking  
(4339/1/95 ENFOPOL 13 REV 1)

The Group discussed the above document setting out specific short and medium-term operational measures.

It finalized 4339/2/95 ENFOPOL 13 REV 2, subject to a scrutiny reservation from the German delegation.

That document will be submitted to the K.4 Committee on 22 February with a view to adoption by the JHA Council on 9 and 10 March 1995 as a supplement to the European Union's comprehensive action plan.

(iii) Strategy to combat drug trafficking (9124/94 ENFOPOL 111)

Regarding the above document, which had been adopted at the Council meeting on 30 November and 1 December 1994, it was agreed that the Presidency would draw up a summary on the basis of the contributions from the eight countries designated for that purpose.

**3. Situation report on organized crime in the European Union in 1993**

(10166/3/94 ENFOPOL 144 REV 3 + COR 1(en) and 12247/94 ENFOPOL 161)

- (i) The Group adopted the 1993 situation report on organized crime in the European Union (10166/3/94 ENFOPOL 144 REV 3 + COR 1(en)). The report will be submitted to the K.4 Committee at its meeting on 22 February and subsequently (in principle as an "A" item) to the JHA Council meeting on 9 and 10 March 1995.
- (ii) The Group also adopted the note on the elaboration of a common mechanism for the collection and systematic analysis of information on international organized crime (12247/94 ENFOPOL 161). A summary will be presented under the Spanish Presidency in September 1995.

**4. Relations with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CCEEs)**

The Group welcomed the Presidency's suggestion that a seminar be organized, with the participation of experts from the CCEEs, on questions of common interest to the Fifteen and those countries.

## VII. CUSTOMS COOPERATION

The Group heard an oral progress report from the Presidency on the proceedings of the Customs Cooperation Working Party, focusing on the draft Naples Convention II on mutual assistance between customs authorities (4410/95 ENFOCUSTOM 2) and on the programme for joint air and sea traffic surveillance operations for 1995 (4563/95 ENFOCUSTOM 3).

Following a statement by the Belgian delegation, the Presidency told the Group that it would report on its work concerning the complementarity of police and customs operations.

## VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

No item was raised under "Other business".

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Steering Group II agreed to hold a further meeting on 21 February 1995 to discuss questions concerning the draft Convention on the establishment of Europol.

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