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NOTE

from : Incoming United Kingdom Presidency

to : Multidisciplinary Group on Organized Crime (GMD)

Subject: Meeting of leading EU academics on organised crime

1. The United Kingdom plans to hold a two day meeting of leading academics on the subject of European research on international organised crime in Brussels on 18-19 May 1998. It will take forward a recommendation in the Report of the EU High Level Group on organised crime that "The academic and scientific world should be further encouraged to contribute by their studies and research to the understanding of the phenomenon of organised crime" (extract from HLG's recommendation 2). Attendance at the meeting will be decided by the countries themselves, although we hope that each EU delegation will include its leading expert in the field.
2. In advance of that meeting, the UK would be grateful if you could arrange completion of the enclosed questionnaire by one or more leading academics in this field in your country. We hope to establish what has been achieved by the academic and scientific world in the study of organised crime and what are seen as the principal outstanding gaps and requirements. Answers to the questionnaire will also be used to identify the experts who can introduce different parts of the discussions during the meeting.

3. Once all the responses to the questionnaire have been received, a paper will be prepared, based on the responses, and presented to the 18-19 May meeting of EU academics to facilitate discussion.

4. Please ensure that responses to the questionnaire are returned **by 14 February 1998** to the United Kingdom contact point [Roy Walmsley, Research and Statistics Directorate, Home Office (Room 930), 50 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1H 9AT (Fax: +44 171 273-3674)] and for the Council Secretariat to the attention of Mr. Hans G. Nilsson (Fax: + 32 2 285 81 54).

ORGANISED CRIME RESEARCH : CURRENT POSITION IN EUROPEAN UNION
Most valuable work already done and most important topics for new research

(To be completed by one or more leading academics in each member state)

1. Please list the most valuable studies on organised crime in Europe that have already been done by researchers in your country. (In order of their importance, according to your judgement, please.)

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2. Please list the most valuable studies on organised crime in Europe that have already been done by researchers from a country other than your own. (In order of their importance, according to your judgement, please.)

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3. Please list the most important aspects of organised crime in Europe that need research (or further research) now. (In order of the priority that should be attached to undertaking them, please.)

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4. Please give details of researchers, in any European countries which are not at present EU members, who have completed high quality work on organised crime in Europe. Please indicate, if possible, the topics on which they have worked and any important publications.

Please send your responses to this questionnaire to the United Kingdom Contact Point [**Roy Walmsley, Research and Statistics Directorate, Home Office (Room 930), 50 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AT (Fax: +44 171 273 3674)**] and to the Council Secretariat for the attention of Mr. Hans G. Nilsson (Fax: + 32 2 285 81 54).