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PRESIDENCY NOTE

from : Presidency
to : Police Cooperation Working Party

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Subject : Police Cooperation in the EU
- Draft Resolution on police cooperation in the EU on the verge of the adoption
of standards for joint operations

Delegations will find attached the text of 14061/98 ENFOPOL 130, as revised following the meeting of the Working Party on 20 January 1999.

(Draft)

COUNCIL RESOLUTION
of ...
on police cooperation in the EU
on the verge of the adoption
of standards for joint operations

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

RECALLING that the Member States consider police cooperation under Article K.1(9) of the Treaty on European Union as a matter of common interest,

CONVINCED that, in order to guarantee an area of freedom, security and justice, further improvement in cooperation between the police forces of the Member States is necessary,

WHEREAS such police cooperation should increasingly consist of joint operations, without restricting national sovereignty,

HEREBY ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION:

1. In order further to intensify cooperation between the police forces of the Member States, the relevant Council Working Party comprising, or with the participation of, senior police officers of the Member States shall meet as required.

2. Without prejudice to the authority of Europol, and in accordance with the national laws of the Member States, the relevant Council Working Party, with the membership described above, shall address in particular the following subjects:
 - (a) continual exchange of information on the priorities of the campaign to fight crime and major police projects which would have repercussions on the security concerns of the other Member States,
 - (b) initiation and evaluation of measures to combat international crime that provide fuller cover of the routes used,
 - (c) exchange of police officers, who shall either work in an advisory capacity in another Member State on a short or long-term basis or, in accordance with the laws of the participating States, participate in inspections, searches or patrols without exercising police powers,
 - (d) exchanges of police officers from the Member States for extended periods,
 - (e) joint training events and practical exercises,
 - (f) harmonisation of technical communications systems between Member States' police forces.
3. One representative of Europol shall be invited to meetings.
4. Senior police officers of those States negotiating to accede to the European Union may be invited. Such invitations may be confined to individual agenda items.