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**NOTE**

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from : Irish Presidency of the Dublin group  
to : Dublin group (meeting 23/24.06.99)  
Subject : Review of organisation of Dublin Group

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I. At the last meeting of the Dublin group (17/18 December 1998) possible restructuring of work of the Central Dublin group was discussed on the basis of suggestions of the US delegation (13874/98 CORDROGUE 78). The US delegation suggested to hold a two-day meeting in which the first morning would be reserved for factual presentations.

In the afternoon debate would take place on specific items or regions.

The second morning the Dublin group could discuss coordinated policy responses on items raised during the prior day. Major donors group would meet afterwards.

In response to these suggestions the Japanese delegation has proposed that the Central Dublin group should focus more on policy issues. Representatives of international organisations can be invited. Meetings of the Dublin group and major donors group in June and March could be maintained. In autumn both groups could meet back to back.

The Austrian delegation shared the concerns of the Japanese delegation . It suggested to hold meetings on specific items as the need arises, e.g. on Latin America.

II. At the usual lunch of the Dublin Group on 16 March 1999 in Vienna and the meeting of the Horizontal Drugs Group on 6 May 1999 aforementioned suggestions were explored and developed.

On these bases the Irish Presidency suggests to discuss at the next meeting of the Dublin Group on 23/24 June 1999 the following approach :

- succinct examination of regional reports for ½ day.
- concentration on major themes or regions e.g. Latin America/South East Asia for 1 day. This could be done in the presence of or on the basis of contributions of international organisations such as CICAD, Europol, EMCDDA and Interpol.
- Serious consideration of back-to-back meetings in autumn of Central Dublin Group and major donors group.