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NOTE

from :	CIREFI
to :	FRONTIERS Working Party
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Subject :	Inclusion of Iceland and Norway in the CIREFI exchange of statistical information

1. At its meeting held on 23 July 1999, CIREFI agreed to invite the delegations of Iceland and Norway during the Mixed Committee on CIREFI matters, held also on 23 July 1999, to undertake unilaterally to supply their data according to the definitions set out in 8927/1/98 CIREFI 35 REV 1, starting from a mutually acceptable date.
2. CIREFI also invited Eurostat to include the data received from Iceland and Norway for the purpose of the gathering, processing and preliminary analysis of them alongside the data received from Member States, as well as to provide these two countries with all relevant reports based on such data. In this respect, it took note that Eurostat would be able to gather and process the data from Iceland and Norway, but in the short term it would not technically be able to insert them in the tables containing the data from Member States.

3. In addition, CIREFI noted Member States' wish for the Council to adopt, on the basis of a Commission proposal, a decision in the framework of the development of the Schengen acquis, amending or replacing the Schengen Decision SCH/Com-ex(95)21 of 20 December 1995, to enlarge the scope of the data exchange to include data along the lines of the CIREFI definitions, and to entrust Eurostat with responsibility for the gathering, processing and preliminary analysis of such data.
 4. Finally, CIREFI agreed to transmit these conclusions to the Frontiers Working Party, which might consider provisionally and informally suspending the exchange of data based on Decision SCH/Com-ex(95)21 of 20 December 1995, until the Council has adopted a formal decision on this matter.
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