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## "I" Item Note

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from : Secretariat

to : COREPER

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Subject : EU assistance programme to support the Palestinian Authority in its efforts to counter terrorist activities emanating from the territories under its control  
- Draft Council Decision extending Joint Action 97/289/CFSP

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1. On 29 April 1997, the Council adopted Joint Action 97/289/CFSP <sup>(1)</sup> on the establishment of an EU assistance programme to support the Palestinian Authority in its efforts to counter terrorist activities emanating from the territories under its control, in which in particular it appointed an EU Advisor to supervise the programme.
2. This Joint Action spans three years and applies until 29 April 2000. The amount to be charged to the Community budget is a total of 3,6 MEURO for the three years.
3. Owing to difficulties encountered in the implementation of certain parts of the assistance programme, two projects financed from the CFSP budget line extend beyond the duration of the Joint Action.
4. In order to provide the legal basis needed for those projects, the Working Group on Terrorism discussed a draft Council Decision which extends Joint Action 97/289/CFSP until 31 May 2002 and asked the "CFSP Counsellors" Group to take it forward.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 120 of 12.5.1997, p. 2.

5. On 28 June 1999, the "CFSP Counsellors" Group discussed the draft Council Decision and agreed on a text. The Group also agreed on the need for a swift adoption of the Council Decision in order to enable the EU Advisor to take forward the above mentioned projects.
  6. Against this background, the Group invites the Committee:
    - to confirm agreement on the draft Council Decision;
    - to launch a written procedure on 30 June 1999, with a deadline on Monday, 5 July 1999 at 12h00, for the adoption of the Council Decision concerning the extension of Joint Action 97/289/CFSP on the establishment of a European Union assistance programme to support the Palestinian Authority in its efforts to counter terrorist activities emanating from the territories under its control which, after revision by the legal and linguistic experts is set out in doc. 9625/99 PESC 212 COTER 1 COMEP 2.
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