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Draft Joint Position of 1999 defined by the Council on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on the proposed protocol against the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, ammunition and other related materials supplementary to the proposed United Nations Convention against organised crime

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Articles K.3(2) and K.5 thereof,

Recognising the importance of judicial cooperation in criminal matters and of police cooperation for the purposes of preventing and combating all serious forms of international crime, as provided for in Article K.1 of the Treaty,

Whereas the Member States regard the combating of the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms and other relevant materials as a matter of common interest;

Whereas arrangements have been made for the development and negotiation of a protocol against the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, ammunition and other relevant materials supplementary to the proposed United Nations Convention against Organised Crime;

Whereas a number of international instruments adopted in the Union and in other fora already provide for the adoption of measures to combat the illegal manufacture of and trafficking in destructive devices;

Article 4

The Council shall endeavour to achieve further Joint Positions, as necessary, in relation to the draft protocol.

Article 5

This Joint Position shall be published in the Official Journal.