



**EUROPEAN UNION
THE COUNCIL**

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LIMITE

ENFOPOL 7

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Police Cooperation Group

on: 20 January 1999

1. Approval of the agenda

The Group approved the agenda set out in telex 117 of 12 January 1999.

2. Football hooliganism: Draft annual report 1997-98

The Austrian delegation informed the Group of the replies given to questionnaire 12172/97 ENFOPOL 216, on the basis of which the annual report 1997-98 will be prepared. Delegations which had not yet replied, were invited to do so as soon as possible.

3. Police cooperation in the EU on the verge of the adoption of standards for joint operations

(14061/98 ENFOPOL 130)

The Group

- had a first exchange of views on the Presidency proposal for a Joint Action on the above police cooperation;
- examined the question of the form of the Council act (Joint Action or Resolution); in this context, the Council Resolution of 9 June 1997 was recalled concerning a handbook for joint customs surveillance operations (OJ C 193, 24.6.1997, p. 4);
- will continue the examination of this item at the next meeting on the basis of a revised document.

4. Combating international crime with fuller cover of the routes used

(14060/98 ENFOPOL 129)

The Group

- examined the above Presidency proposal for a Joint Action with regard to combating international crime with fuller cover of the routes used;
- considered the form of the Council act: Joint Action or Resolution, and the question of cooperation, if necessary, with the customs authorities;
- recalled the Schengen cooperation, especially the pilot projects targeted at vehicle smuggling, drugs crime and illegal migration;
- will come back to this item on the basis of a revised document.

5. Crime prevention: Preparation of a manual for best practice models

(5227/99 ENFOPOL 4, 5228/99 ENFOPOL 5)

The Group

- examined the Presidency proposal for a questionnaire with a view to prepare a manual for best practice in the field of crime prevention;

- invited delegations to send the replies by 26 February 1999;
- took note of the invitation to an international workshop on 11 and 12 March 1999 issued by the German Federal Crime Office concerning research projects on criminology and criminal matters in the fields of crime prevention and corruption (5228/99 ENFOPOL 5)

6. Interception of telecommunications

(10951/2/98 ENFOPOL 98 REV 2)

The Group

- examined the draft Resolution on the lawful interception of telecommunications in relation to new technologies, distributed in the above document;
- took note of the reservations formulated by NL, S and UK delegations;
- took note of the amendments proposed by the German delegation (10951/2/98 ENFOPOL 98 REV 2 COR 1);
- will come back to this item at the next meeting.

7. Other business

a) Expo 2000 in Hannover/Germany

The German delegation recalled the letter sent to the Ministers of the Interior on the sending of police officers to the Expo 2000. The replies to this letter should be returned by 1 February 1999.

b) Consultation of the European Parliament

The Presidency informed delegations of its intention to consult the European Parliament on the three texts which were on the agenda of this Group under items 4, 5 and 7 (14060/98 ENFOPOL 129, 14061/98 ENFOPOL 130, 10951/2/98 ENFOPOL 98 REV 2).