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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Terrorism working group

of: 15 January 1999

1. Adoption of the agenda

The group adopted the agenda set out in telex n° 5765 of 21 December 1998, it being understood that under the point "Any other business" the UK delegation will inform the group on recent legislation in the field of terrorism.

2. Work program of the German presidency

The German presidency presented its work program on terrorism as set out in doc. 14414/98 CK4 54. It was highlighted that

- from 14/16 April 1999 a seminar will be held in Berlin on Internet
- the group will meet on 26 April 1999; the afternoon session will be a joint meeting with COTER
- in principle on 27 April 1999 the Troika will meet respectively with Russian and US delegations.

3. Information exchange on recent terrorist activities

The group exchanged information on recent terrorist activities.

4. Analyses of threat assessment

Delegations were invited to forward to the Presidency before 10 March 1999 their contributions to the threat assessment document. A first draft will be discussed at the next meeting of the group in April 1999. The document will also cover the situation in the adhesion candidates and be forwarded to Europol.

5. Europol and fight against terrorism – report from project team

The Presidency informed the meeting on the forthcoming meeting of experts on 20/21 January 1999.

The representative of Europol reminded that five proposals on action against terrorism are in the work programme of Europol for 1999. It is foreseen that in April 1999 the final report of the project team will be approved in view of its presentation to the meeting of the Council of May 1999.

6. Statistical records of crimes and offences committed on xenophobic, racist or anti-semitic grounds (doc. 11768/94 JAI 78, 5003/95 JAI 1, 12132/1/98 ENFOPOL 111 REV 1)

Delegations were invited to forward above-mentioned data to the Presidency before 31 March 1999 (1 May 1999 for UK)

7. Cooperation of competent authorities for risk assessment (doc. 5044/99 ENFOPOL 1)

The Presidency presented its suggestions for a recommendation for cooperation of competent authorities for risk assessment.

The group welcomed the initiative of the Presidency. In response to requests by delegations the Presidency spelled out that exchange of information should cover events that have a transnational character and that may be related to a possible future terrorist activity.

Information can best be exchanged through national competent authorities.

Delegations were invited to forward possible observations to the Presidency before 15 February 1999.

8. Use of Internet by extremist/terrorist groups – Seminar in April 1999 in Berlin

The Presidency informed the group on aforementioned seminar for which representatives of Europol and accession candidates will also be invited. Ideas on experts to be invited and themes to be treated are welcome.

9. Financing of terrorism

The Presidency sounded delegations on an initiative for practical cooperation in the fight against financing of terrorism. This initiative is a follow-up to seminars under the previous Luxembourg and Austrian presidencies. The group in principle supported the launching of this initiative.

Delegations were invited to forward additional suggestions to the Presidency.

10. Data collection on terrorist islamic group – Report of the Italian delegation and Europol

The Italian delegation presented as a room document an initiative for the registration and analysis of particulars of members of terrorist organisations with an islamist ideology and entry of this data in the threat document.

The proposal will be studied at the experts meeting of 20/21 January 1999 in the Hague, especially its data protection aspects.

The Danish delegation reaffirmed that the base for preventive arrests should be more solid. Persons should have been found guilty in a Court of Law.

The French delegation stressed that the dispositions of the Europol Convention have to be respected. A member State apply a more restrictive practice.

The representative of Europol promised that these topics will be discussed at the meeting of 20/21 January 1999.

11. Meeting of Terrorism experts of G8 States and EU Presidency on 7/8 December 1998 in London – Report of Austrian delegation

The outgoing Austrian presidency and the UK presidency informed the group orally and in writing (room document) on the conclusions of the meeting of the G8 States on 7/8 December 1998 in London on terrorism.

12. Codification of decisions of the work group, including activities during TREVI cooperation

The group was informed that the Council Secretariat in cooperation with the Netherlands delegation will draw up a note on this item for the next meeting of the group.

13. Any other business

The UK delegation informed the group orally and in writing on recently adopted anti-terrorist legislation.