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#### **OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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from: Customs Cooperation Group

on: 8 March 1999

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1. **Approval of the agenda**

The Group approved the agenda as set out in telex 954 of 26 February 1999.

2. **Report on joint customs surveillance operations in 1998**

**(5519/99 ENFOCUSTOM 3 + COR 1)**

The Group will come back to this item at the next meeting.

3. **Setting up a computerised records system for customs purposes in the Member States**

**(5520/99 ENFOCUSTOM 4, 6175/99 ENFOCUSTOM 9)**

The Group

- continued the examination of the above Presidency initiative on the basis of questions contained in doc. 6175/99 ENFOCUSTOM 9;
- asked delegations to transmit further comments to the Presidency by 15 April 1999.

4. **Questionnaire in order to evaluate the implementation of the Joint Action of 29.11.1996 on cooperation between customs authorities and business organisations in combating drug trafficking**

(6013/99 ENFOCUSTOM 7)

The Group invited delegations to send their replies to the Council Secretariat by 22 April 1999.

5. **Questionnaire in order to evaluate the implementation of the Council Resolution of 29.11.1996 on the drawing up of police/customs agreements in the fight against drugs**

(6012/99 ENFOCUSTOM 6)

The Group invited delegations to send their replies to the Council Secretariat by 22 April 1999.

6. **Combating money laundering**

- **Measure to supervise cross-border cash transactions**

(5373/99 ENFOCUSTOM 1 CRIMORG7)

The Group

- agreed on the above measure;
- invited the German delegation to coordinate the measure;
- was informed that the briefing meeting for the measure will be organised in May 1999.

7. **Istanbul Resolution of 24/25 May 1977 on the exchange of information on illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, Annex III**

(10932/98 ENFOCUSTOM 48)

The Group expressed no objections to discontinue reports under the above Istanbul Resolution.

**8. "Operation Eagle": action against child sex abusers (6338/99 ENFOCUSTOM 14)**

The Group

- agreed on the proposal by the United Kingdom delegation for the above operation Eagle;
- was informed that the briefing meeting for the operation will be organised by the United Kingdom.

**9. Other business**

**a) JHA work structure (6166/1/99 CK4 12 REV 1, 6350/99 CK4 14)**

The Group was informed of the work envisaged in COREPER on the above item.

**b) Protocol to the CIS Convention (13435/98 ENFOCUSTOM 71)**

The Group was informed that the above Protocol will be on the agenda (A item) of the Council on 12 March 1999 (JHA).

**c) Joint customs surveillance operations and informations to be given to the media**

At the request of the Belgian delegation the Group had a short exchange of views on the above item.

**d) Enlargement negotiations with the CCEE**

The Netherlands delegation suggested to transmit to the CCEE a list of all Council acts adopted in the field of customs cooperation (3<sup>rd</sup> pillar).

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