



**EUROPEAN UNION
THE COUNCIL**

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ENFOPOL 20

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Police Cooperation Group

on: 10/11 March 1999

1. Approval of the agenda

The Group approved the agenda as set out in telex 986 of 2 March 1999

2. Football matches and police cooperation

a) Draft annual report 1997/98

The Austrian delegation presented a preliminary summary of the replies given to questionnaire 12172/97 ENFOPOL 216. A final report will be prepared as soon as all delegations have replied to the above questionnaire.

b) Recommendations concerning intensification of efforts to control violence and disturbances at football matches (6197/99 ENFOPOL 13)

The Group

- had a first exchange of views on the Netherlands initiative for a Council Recommendation on the above item;

- will continue the examination at the next meeting on the basis of a draft Council Resolution which will be prepared by the Netherlands delegation.

3. **Crime prevention**

a) **Contact points (5704/99 ENFOPOL 9 CRIMORG 15)**

The Group took note of the above list of contact points. The list has been compiled by the United Kingdom delegation, to whom all amendments to this list should be addressed.

b) **Questionnaire for the compilation of a handbook on best practice (5227/99 ENFOPOL 4)**

The Group invited delegations to send the replies to the above questionnaire to the Presidency by 31 March 1999.

4. **Crime scene management**

- **Manual for investigators (10967/98 ENFOPOL 99)**

The Group

- examined the manual prepared by the United Kingdom delegation on good practices for the management of serious crime scenes;
- underlined the difference between best practice at the crime scene and the different procedures of the judicial systems;
- took note of Europol's future role in the field of crime scene investigation;
- will come back to this item on the basis of a draft recommendation which will be prepared by the United Kingdom delegation.

5. **Missing persons and unidentified corpses : Questionnaire for the evaluation of measures (6196/99 ENFOPOL 12)**

The Group

- agreed on the above questionnaire;
- invited the delegations to send their replies to the Netherlands delegation by 1 May 1999.

6. **Police cooperation on the verge of the adoption of standards for joint operations**
(6415/99 ENFOPOL 15)

The Group

- examined the Presidency initiative for a Council Resolution on police cooperation on the verge of the adoption of standards for joint operations;
- will come back to this item as soon as the text is available in all languages of the Union.

7. **Combating international crime with fuller cover of the routes used**
(6416/99 ENFOPOL 16 and 6520/99 ENFOPOL 17)

The Group

- examined the Presidency initiative for a Council Resolution on combating international crime with fuller cover of the routes used (6416/99 ENFOPOL 16);
- will come back to this item at the next meeting on the basis of a revised text.

8. **Interception of telecommunications**

- **Draft Resolution on new technologies** (10951/2/98 ENFOPOL 98 REV 2 + COR 1)

The Group

- continued the examination of the above draft Resolution;
- took note of the parliamentary reservations formulated by the Netherlands and the United Kingdom delegations;
- will come back to this item at the next meeting.

9. **Other business**

a) **Preparation for unforeseen effects of the "year 2000 problem"**

The Finnish delegation drew the attention to the above problem and to possible requirements for policing.

b) **OISIN programme**

The Commission representative informed the Group of the work of the Management Committee of OISIN which will meet on 13 April 1999.

c) PHARE programme

The Group was informed of the exchange of police officers in the framework of the PHARE programme.

d) International Law Enforcement Telecommunications Seminar (ILETS)

The United Kingdom delegation informed the Group of the work of the Standing Technical Committee and the International User Requirements Expert Group of ILETS (Brussels, 23/24 February 1999).

e) Encryption and law enforcement

The United Kingdom delegation distributed a consultation document entitled "Building confidence in electronic commerce".

f) Joint Action of 26.5.1997 with regard to cooperation on law and order and security

The Group was informed that the meeting of heads of central bodies for law and order and security (Article 3 of the Joint Action) will take place in the first half of June 1999.
