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from :	General Secretariat
to :	COREPER / Council
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Subject :	Council Decision authorising the Director of Europol to enter into negotiations on agreements with third States and non-EU related bodies

1. The Council decisions laying down the rules for the external relations of Europol provide for a unanimous Council decision authorising the Director of Europol to enter into negotiations on agreements with third States and non European Union related bodies to be taken before the actual negotiations can start.
2. A draft Council decision has been discussed by the Europol Management Board and the Article 36 Committee, during which agreement was reached on the framework of the decision.
3. Outstanding questions were resolved by COREPER at its meeting of 17 November 1999, during which full agreement was reached on a draft Council Decision as is contained in document 13107/99 EUROPOL 45 + COR 1. This document has undergone the appropriate jurist-linguist check.

4. Following the lifting of a Netherlands parliamentary reservation, all obstacles to the adoption of the aforementioned draft Council Decision have been removed.
5. On this basis COREPER is requested to invite Council:
- to formally adopt the Council Decision authorising the Director of Europol to enter into negotiations on agreements with third States and non-EU related bodies as contained in document 13107/99 EUROPOL 45 + COR 1.
 - to adopt the "Council declaration concerning the relations between Europol and third States and non European Union related bodies" and the "Council declaration concerning the priority to be given to third States and non European Union related bodies" as contained in document 13107/99 EUROPOL 45 + COR 1.
 - to order the publication of the aforementioned Council Decision and declarations in the Official Journal of the European Communities.
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