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from : the Danish delegation

to : the Working Party on Drugs and Organized Crime

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Subject: **Proposal for the organization of future work on
environmental crime**

With reference to the Council recommendations set out in document 9840/93 ENFOPOL 31, Denmark which is a leading country in combating environmental crime, is proposing the following procedure for further work on the matter :

For the purpose of fulfilling the Council recommendations that information be exchanged on the basis of an ad hoc report (eco-report) on illegal dumping, the illegal brokerage of waste and the existence of specific flows of waste, Denmark would propose a questionnaire-based survey, to establish from the replies to a few questions which are the appropriate authorities in individual Member States for exchanging information on cross-border environmental crime.

That questionnaire-based survey should be regarded as an update of the relevant points in the earlier such survey on environmental crime.

The same questionnaire-based survey can also establish whether, and if so to what extent, analyses are carried out and statistics compiled on environmental crime since the Council also recommends that Member States should, as far as possible, ensure that statistics are drawn up, circulated and analyzed on the basis of the information exchanged between countries.

Denmark will then invite the other Member States which have so far shown a particular interest in work on the matter, viz. Germany and the Netherlands, together with the Presidency country, to a meeting in Copenhagen with the aim of drawing up, from the information obtained, a blueprint for organizing more formal co-operation on exchanging information and how to encourage the compiling of analyses and statistics on environmental crime.

In the context of that work, as pointed out by the Belgian Presidency during discussions in the former TREVI working group, account needs to be taken of the role which Europol might assume in connection with co-operation in providing information on environmental crime.

As regards the other main topic in the Council recommendations, training of competent officials for detection purposes and organization of a seminar on the illegal export and transport of substances that are harmful to the environment, this too will be discussed at the proposed meeting in Copenhagen, inter alia by way of making more detailed arrangements for the seminar already planned.