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The Europol Working Party met from 25 to 29 July 1994 in Brussels. The conclusions of the meetings are the following.

1. **Adoption of the provisional agenda**

The Working Party adopted the agenda set out in telex No. 2901 of 19 July 1994.

EDU/EUROPOL

2. **Status report Europol/EDU** (doc. 8586/94 EUROPOL 73)

The representative of EDU/Europol presented the status report in document 8586/94 EUROPOL 73. He emphasized the importance of the three meetings featuring on page 3 of this report.

The Working Party welcomed the report.

3. **Status of personnel of EDU/Europol in the pre-conventional phase**
(doc. 8309/94 EUROPOL 68)

The Netherlands delegation presented a draft exchange of notes containing an agreement on the status of the staff of the Europol Drugs Unit in The Hague (cf. doc. 8916/94 EUROPOL 82).

The Working Party cautiously welcomed this document.

The EDU/Europol representative recalled that various Embassies had already taken steps with regard to the status of liaison officers and other members of staff employed at EDU/Europol in The Hague. He wondered whether the agreement set out in the above note would make these steps obsolete.

The Greek delegation was of the opinion that liaison officers cannot be put on the same level as administrative and technical staff.

The German delegation felt that privileges and immunities should be enjoyed while on duty. It asked for more details on the position of the technical personnel and the applicability of Dutch data-protection rules.

The United Kingdom delegation pointed out that not all EDU-staff members were employed by governments.

The Irish delegation noted that, in a way, liaison officers risked being subjected to instructions from their Ambassadors.

The Presidency stressed the need for a uniform and coherent approach. It asked the Netherlands delegation to redraft its note, taking into account the delegations' remarks.

The Working Party agreed to come back to this issue at its next meeting.

EUROPOL CONVENTION

The proceedings of the Working Party on the draft Europol Convention are summarized in a separate note.