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from : Working Group on Terrorism

~~to : K.4 Committee~~

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Subject : **Amendment of the Joint Action of 15 October 1996 concerning the creation and maintenance of a Directory of specialised counterterrorist competences, skills and expertise**

The Working Group on Terrorism, at its meeting on 24 November 1998 suggested to prepare a draft Joint Action modifying the Joint Action of 15 October 1996, in order to designate Europol as responsible for the maintenance and distribution of the above Directory. The text resulting from the work of the Working Group is given in the Annex to this note.

The K.4 Committee is invited to suggest to COREPER/Council to adopt this text.

Draft

Joint Action

of ...

adopted by the Council on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union modifying the Joint Action of 15 October 1996 adopted by the Council on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union concerning the creation and maintenance of a Directory of specialized counter-terrorist competences, skills and expertise to facilitate counter-terrorist cooperation between the Member States of the European Union.

The Council of the European Union,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article K.3(2) (b) thereof,

Recalling the Joint Action of 15 October 1996 adopted by the Council on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union concerning the creation and maintenance of a Directory of specialized counter-terrorist competences, skills and expertise to facilitate counter-terrorist cooperation between the Member States of the European Union. ([1])

Recalling the Council Decision of ... December 1998 instructing Europol to deal with crimes committed or likely to be committed in the course of terrorist activities against life, limb, personal freedom or property ([2]),

Whereas Europol should be designated as responsible for compiling, maintaining and disseminating the Directory of specialised counter-terrorist competences, skills and expertise,

([1]) OJ L 273, 25.10.1996, p. 1
([2]) OJ L ..., ... 12.1998, p. ...

has adopted this Joint Action:

Article 1

Article 1 of the Joint Action of 15 October 1996 is replaced by the following text:

"**Article 1**

The Council hereby designates Europol, hereinafter referred to as "the Directory Manager", from the time at which it takes up its activities in accordance with Article 45(4) of the Convention, based on Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on the establishment of a European Police Office (Europol Convention), as responsible for compiling, maintaining and disseminating the Directory of specialised counter-terrorist competences, skills and expertise, hereafter referred to as the Directory."

Article 2

This Joint Action shall be published in the Official Journal.

It shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

Done at ..., ...

For the Council
The President