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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of : Working party on Terrorism

of : 24 November 1999

1. Adoption of the agenda

The group adopted the agenda set out in telex 5109.

2. Exchange of information on recent terrorist attacks

Delegations exchanged information on recent terrorist attacks. In general the situation during the last six months can be described as relatively calm.

3. Threat assessment document

- *final version*

The final version of the threat assessment document was agreed and will be forwarded to the JHA Council of 2/3 December 1999.

- *degree of confidentiality (proposal by the Netherlands delegation)*

The Netherlands delegation proposed to produce in future, together with the said threat assessment document, an overview of the terrorist situation for possible distribution to the European and to national Parliaments.

The group welcomed the proposal and it was decided to revert back to the issue at the next meeting under Portuguese Presidency.

4. G8 - meetings in connection with terrorism

- *briefing by the German delegation*

The German delegation in its capacity as chair of G8 briefed the group about the results of terrorism related G8 meetings.

5. Europol and combatting terrorism

The representative of Europol gave further information concerning Europol's role in the fight against terrorism.

6. Barcelona process, the ad hoc meeting on 23 November 1999

- *briefing by the representative of COTER Group*

The Chairman of the COTER Group presented the results of the ad hoc meeting that took place on 23 November 1999 in the framework of the Barcelona process.

7. Preparing the Troika - U.S. meeting

The Presidency informed the group on issues to be discussed at the next meeting of the Troika - U.S.

8. Other business

The following points were raised under any other business

- a) *EU Guidelines for a common approach to suppress international terrorism*

The group took note that in the framework of COTER a document was agreed containing EU guidelines for a common approach to suppress international terrorism.

- b) *Athens seminar*

The Greek delegation informed the group about results of a seminar on the fight against terrorist threats during athletic or other major events that took place in Athens on 3/4 November 1999.

- c) *Restructuring of Council Working Groups*

The Presidency informed the group that at the level of COREPER a possible merger of the 3rd pillar Working Party on terrorism with the 2nd pillar COTER Group is being discussed.

- d) The incoming Portuguese Presidency announced that following dates have been reserved for meetings of the group:

- 12 January 2000;
- 15 March 2000 (joint meeting with COTER); and
- 3 May 2000.