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The Working Party on Drugs and Organized Crime met in Brussels on 28 October 1994.

The Presidency and a majority of delegations regretted the continued absence of a large number of documents in their respective language versions, thus rendering efficient work within the Third Pillar difficult.

The conclusions of the meeting can be summarized as follows.

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

   The Working Party adopted the agenda set out in telex No. 3982 of 19 October 1994.

2. **Draft position on the Commission communication on a European Union action plan to combat drugs (1995-1999)** (doc. 9870/1/94 ENFOPOL 128 REV 1)

   The Presidency presented a revised version of the above draft position, taking account of delegations' suggestions and the work of the Customs Co-operation Working Party (see doc. 9870/1/94 ENFOPOL 128 REV 1).

   The amendments and additions suggested during this meeting as well as any forthcoming comments will be taken into consideration during the re-examination of this issue at the next meeting of the Working Party.

3. <u>Fight against organized crime</u> : **Delegations' replies to document 8911/94 ENFOPOL 103** (doc. 10166/94 ENFOPOL 144)

A. An in-depth discussion was held on the content of the Situation Report on organized crime in the European Union in 1993 (see doc. 10166/94 ENFOPOL 144), to be forwarded to Steering Group II for its meeting on 3/4 November and to the K.4 Committee's meeting on 9/11 November 1994.

The amendments and/or additions suggested by the French, Italian and Netherlands delegations were taken up.

To avoid the risk of an insufficiently overall picture, as the report was drafted on the basis of contributions from only nine Member States, it was decided to include the replies from the Belgian, Greek, Spanish, Irish, Luxembourg and Finnish delegations, received at a later date, in separate annex.

In the meantime, work will continue on the development of a general mechanism for methods of assessment of organized crime.

B. The Netherlands delegation announced that the next two-day experts meeting on the methods of assessment of organized crime will take place on 17/18 November 1994 at the EDU/Europol headquarters in The Hague. Personal invitations will be forwarded in the near future to all those concerned.

A discussion on the outcome of this meeting and on the future direction of work in this area will be held at the Working Party's next meeting.

4. <u>Fight against traffic in radioactive substances, against illegal movement of works of art and of antiques, against money laundering</u> : **Delegations' replies to document 9324/1/94 ENFOPOL 116 REV 1** (doc. 10167/94 ENFOPOL 145)

These points of the agenda are covered in the pertinent parts of the report discussed under item 5.

5. **Elaboration of the 1994 report on measures taken in the fight against illicit drug trafficking and organized crime** (doc. 9931/1/94 ENFOPOL 134 REV 1)

The Presidency presented a new draft of the above report. The French delegation entered a reservation ; a number of delegations entered a linguistic reservation.

The amendments and/or additions suggested in the course of this meeting will be taken up and the report will subsequently be guided through the usual channels prior to being submitted to the Council at its session on 30 November 1994.

Certain elements of this report will be included in the report on the implementation of the 1993 Action Plan to be presented to the Essen European Council.

6. A. **World Ministerial Conference on organized transnational crime (Naples, 21/23 November 1994)**

The Working Party discussed the preparation of the above conference. Reluctance was expressed against the suggestion to provide for the drafting of a convention against organized transnational crime. The Working Party welcomed the suggestion of the Netherlands delegation to present the Conference with documents 9908/93 CRIMORG 1 + REV 2 adopted by the Council in 1993.

The Working Party recommended holding a preparatory coordination meeting in Naples.

B. **Working Party on Drugs and Working Party on Organized Crime**

The United Kingdom delegation felt that drug-related issues had not been given proper consideration in the course of 1994 due to the workload related to organized crime. It wondered whether the existing structures might not have to be reconsidered.