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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from: Permanent Representatives Committee

to : Council (Justice and Home Affairs)

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Subject: CIREA
- Circulation and confidentiality of joint reports on the situation in certain third countries

1. At its meeting on 29 and 30 November 1993, the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) reached agreement in principle on the text set out in the Annex hereto, subject to the Netherlands withdrawing a parliamentary scrutiny reservation and Spain withdrawing a general reservation.

2. At the meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 23 March 1994, the Netherlands delegation stated that the above reservation had been withdrawn.

3. In a letter dated 7 March (see 5450/94 ASIM 55), the Spanish delegation stated that it was withdrawing the general reservation on asylum which had been entered at the Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting on 29 and 30 November 1993.

4. It was therefore suggested that the Committee recommend that the Council adopt the text annexed hereto at one of its forthcoming meetings.

Circulation and confidentiality of
joint reports on
the situation in certain third countries

- The joint reports, possibly accompanied by an internal note from CIREA, addressed to Steering Group I (Asylum/Immigration) and containing its observations, will be sent to the heads of delegations in that Group and they will be responsible for deciding on national circulation of joint reports within the limits laid down in the two indents below.

- The national authorities responsible for matters concerning asylum and aliens will be able to use the reports together with the other items of information at their disposal.

- Depending on national procedures, these reports may be made available to the parties involved in a dispute when there is an appeal against a decision by the authorities responsible for matters concerning asylum or aliens.