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With a view to continuing the examination of the above document, the Presidency considers it useful to circulate the list, submitted by the Commission to Steering Group I on 16 and 17 May 1994, of subjects covered in that communication which have not been included in the priority work programme for 1994 which was adopted in November 1993.

Reference to this list is made in 7058/94 ASIM 101 which contains the outcome of proceedings of Steering Group I (point 7 of that document).

1-4. The elaboration of a Convention on family reunification.

2-5. Approximation and where possible harmonisation of admission policies for humanitarian reasons with special attention to the position of certain vulnerable groups, such as women who are the victims of trafficking.

3-9. Harmonisation of the schemes for temporary protection.

4-11. Improving procedures for the exchange of information on routes and carriers and the taking of appropriate follow-up measures of a preventive nature.

5-14. Definition of minimum standards for the treatment of those who have been found to be in an irregular situation. (See also point 22)

6-15. Development of guidelines on repatriation policies concerning particularly vulnerable groups, such as unaccompanied minors.

7-16. Approximation of schemes for the voluntary repatriation of illegal immigrants and intensification of cooperation between Member States in order to facilitate repatriation in appropriate cases and extension of this cooperation to relevant third countries.

8-18. Harmonisation of legal status of third country nationals legally resident in the Community with a view to ensuring a permanent residence entitlement for immigrants and members of their families who satisfy stability criteria.

9-19. Steps to realize the objective of free movement for legally resident third-country nationals.

N.B.: this element is partly covered by the 1994 Work Programme, where this provides for the consideration and, if necessary, possible harmonization of the position of third-country nationals established on a long-term basis on the territory of the Member States.

10-20. Review of Member States' legislation in order to remove conditions of nationality for the exercise of rights or granting of benefits which are not justified for objective reasons.

11-22. Ratification by Member States of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, adopted by the U.N. on 18 December 1990.