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CONCLUSIONS

of: meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee set up by Article K.4 of the TEU

on: 14 and 15 April 1994 (in Vouliagmeni)

1. Adoption of the agenda

(6139/94 OJ/CK4 4)

The Committee signified its agreement to the agenda, on the understanding that the items given in 12. below were added under "Other business".

2. Commission communication: asylum and immigration policies

(5187/94 ASIM 49)

The Committee:

- held a discussion on the choice of topics for the informal meeting of the Ministers of the Interior to be held in Thessaloniki on 6 and 7 May, and the Presidency announced that a document on the subject would be circulated;
- confirmed the priorities for the 1994 programme;
- would re-examine the matter at its meeting on 30 May in the light of the discussions taking place in the meanwhile in the various fora.

3. Legal/judicial interception of telecommunications

(5753/94 JAI 5 ENFOPOL 40 and 6026/94 CK4 29 ENFOPOL 47)

X | The Committee finalized the text of a confidential letter to be sent by the President of the JHA Council to the President of the Telecommunications Council. The text of the letter is set out in 6462/94 ENFOPOL 55.

4. Implementation of Title VI: application of Article K.3(2)(c) (Conventions)

(6014/94 CK4 28 and 6138/94 CK4 31)

After lengthy discussion the Committee approved a text entitled "Council act" in which the Council decides that the Convention to be annexed to the act is established and which it recommends be adopted by the Member States.

It was agreed that the establishment and signing of a Convention would take place on the same day. Should internal procedural problems, such as the need to have the final text available in order to establish the full powers, prevent the signing from taking place during the meeting at which the last difficulties concerning the text of the Convention were resolved, the Council would note that there was political agreement and would postpone until its next meeting in the same composition the formal establishment of the text and its signing by the representatives of all the Governments of the Member States.

The Danish delegation entered a scrutiny reservation.

5. Eurodac

- Report from the Working Party (6 April 1994) to the Article K.4 Committee
(6027/94 ASIM 69 CK4 32)

The Committee approved the Working Party's report and instructed it to submit a shortlist grading the three or four best tenders with a view to a decision at the next meeting of the Article K.4 Committee.

The Danish delegation withdrew its scrutiny reservation on the selection criteria to be used.

6. Implementation of Article K.5 (common positions in international organizations)
(4511/94 ASIM 22)

The Committee:

- held a detailed discussion on 4511/94 ASIM 22;
- made several comments on specific points in that document;
- said that it wanted a more general (horizontal) document going further than the aspects of asylum;
- considered that, in view of the unwieldiness of the system provided for in Article K.5, the idea should be floated of introducing a more flexible procedure in certain cases.

The Presidency will draw up a new document taking these comments into account.

7. Forwarding of documents to the European Parliament

The Committee was unable to reach agreement on the documents relating to the work on international organized crime to be forwarded (recommendations, reports, annexes), as the majority of delegations refused to send recommendations alone.

The discussion would continue at the next meeting as the Presidency wanted to reach a solution within the Article K.4 Committee.

8. European Information System

(5803/94 CK4 26)

As the Spanish delegation had announced that the problem of the link between the EIS and police and judicial co-operation matters could be settled by means of a statement annexed to the Convention, the Committee adopted the text of the statement proposed by the Presidency on page 4 of 4077/94 CK4 2, while taking the last words of the text "in accordance with Article 7a of the Treaty" and inserting them at the end of the first sentence.

As regards "horizontal" questions, the Committee:

- considered that the Convention could not enter into force until it had been ratified by all the Member States;
- was divided over the question of interpretation by the Court of Justice;
- did not adopt a position on the question of the role to be assigned to any Executive Committee; that point would be taken up again at the next meeting on the basis of a document from the Presidency following suitable preparation.

Regarding the technical questions, the Committee took note of an oral report by the Chairman of the Working Party from which it appeared that the technical questions as yet unresolved could be dealt with at its level.

9. Publication in the Official Journal of the Conventions signed before the entry into force of the TEU
(5587/94 CK4 25)

Following a short discussion the Presidency decided to re-enter this item on the agenda for the next Article K.4 Committee meeting.

10. Organization of future work on environmental crime
(5416/94 ENFOPOL 36)

The Danish delegation agreed to draw up a draft questionnaire, the final text of which would be adopted by the Group on Drugs Trafficking and Organized Crime.

11. Customs (Conventions on the Customs Information System)
(6148/94 ENFOCUSTOM 15)

The report on the proceedings of the Article K.4 Committee on this matter is contained in 6438/94 CK4 35.

12. Other business

1. Security and classification measures

The dossier is still under examination within the Antici Group.

2. Dublin Convention

The five countries in which the ratification procedure had not been completed had supplied indications of the progress of the procedure which point towards ratification by all countries by the end of 1994.

3. Hooliganism and the World Cup football championship

The dossier was referred to the Group on Police Co-operation.

4. EDU/Europol language arrangements

The Committee was awaiting proposals from the Europol Group for the 1995 budget and would replace the item on the agenda for its next meeting.

5. EDU/Europol appointments

No new information available.

6. International meetings

The Presidency announced the dates of several international meetings on subjects concerning the third pillar.

7. Dates of the ministerial and Article K.4 Committee meetings under the German Presidency

The German delegation announced the following dates:

28 July	JHA Council
7 (from midday) and 8 September	Informal meeting of the Ministers for Justice and Home Affairs (Berlin)
30 November	JHA Council

The meetings of the Article K.4 Committee are scheduled for:

19 and 20 July
22 and 23 September
12 (from midday) and 13 October (Nürnberg)
14 and 15 November
19 and 20 December

8. Co-operation with the countries of Eastern Europe

Following a discussion during which the idea of associating the Baltic States and the more general problem of the links between various third countries were raised, the United Kingdom and Italian delegations announced a document on relations with the countries of Eastern Europe and the Presidency announced a document on relations with third countries.

9. Budget for the third pillar

The Committee held an exchange of views on the budgetary problems of the third pillar. It will resume this discussion at its next meeting in the light of progress with the dossier on the financing of the CFSP.
