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NOTE

from : Working Party on Police Cooperation

to : Steering Group II

No. prev. doc.: 8739/94 ENFOPOL 94

Subject: Cooperation in the area of public order

- Use of liaison officers

At its meeting on 23 September 1994 the Working Party on Police Cooperation, in response to a Presidency proposal (8739/94 ENFOPOL 94), considered a recommendation for the exchange of information on the occasion of major events and meetings. Under this recommendation, a Member State within which an incident is to be expected would be able to call upon advisers from the other Member States for the purpose of direct exchanges of information.

The Working Party is seeking agreement on the draft text set out below. Three delegations (E/F/UK) have entered reservations.

Recommendation for the exchange of information on the occasion of major events and meetings

In a statement of intent by the TREVI Ministers (The Hague, 12/91), the Member States acknowledged that a proper and timely exchange of information was desirable on dangers to public order arising or threatening to arise at major events and meetings which might be attended by nationals from different Member States. In order to simplify such an exchange of information, it was agreed that a network of national contacts should be set up.

To date, in the case of major police deployments Member States have, upon request, provided each other with intelligence through the information network, especially as regards:

- number of participants;
- intentions;
- travel movements;
- means of transport.

In the case of spontaneous participation or changes in the situation, caused for instance by the behaviour of participants during an event, there may not, however, be enough time for a full exchange of information.

For some time now, this problem has been countered in the context of co-operation at major sporting events by having liaison officers operating under the "football hooliganism" network of correspondents.

It is therefore suggested that any Member State of the European Union within which an incident is to be expected should be able to call upon advisers from the other Member States for the purpose of direct exchanges of information. The liaison officers in question should be familiar with the persons involved, be experts and assist police commanders by giving advice. They should not exercise any national executive powers or carry weapons, and should be in plain clothes. Accommodation and per diem expenses should be borne by the host country, travel expenses by the country of dispatch.

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CORRIGENDUM

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Following the deliberations of Steering Group II on 3 November 1994, the last two lines are replaced by the following sentence:

"All delegations agreed on the draft text set out below".