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from: French delegation

to :Steering Group I

Subject: Rules of Procedure of the Committee provided for in Article 18 of the Dublin Convention (9589/94 JUR 215 ASIM 183)
- Amendments to Article 6

In order to resolve the question of the voting procedure, the French delegation proposes amending Article 6(3) and (6) of the draft Rules, the suggested wording of which is as follows:

Article 6:

1. The Committee shall vote on the initiative of its Chairman.

   The Chairman shall, furthermore, be required to open a voting procedure on the initiative of a member of the Committee, provided that a majority of the Committee's members so decides.

2. The abstention of a member present or represented shall prevent the Committee from adopting acts which require unanimity.

3. The Committee shall act on procedural matters by a unanimous vote of its members.

4. The members of the Committee shall vote in the order of the Member States laid down in Article 146 of the Treaty establishing the European Community (EC), beginning with the member who, according to that order, follows the member holding the office of Chairman.

5. Delegation of the right to vote may only be made to another member of the Committee.

6. The presence of half of the members of the Committee, rounded up if need be, shall be required to enable the Committee to vote.

7. The record of the votes shall be made public by a unanimous Committee decision taken at the request of one of its members.