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to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: **Racism and xenophobia: Consultative Commission**

The Heads of State and Government decided in Madrid to ask the Consultative Commission against Racism and Xenophobia, set up further to the Decision of the Heads of State and Government in Corfu, to extend its work.

The timetable provides for the General Affairs Council to renew the detailed mandate, composition and status of the Consultative Commission.

MANDATE

The broad thrust of the new mandate is indicated in the above request. It might be described as follows:

"To continue to study, in close cooperation with the Council of Europe, the feasibility of a European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia, entailing the need also to extend its mandate, adopted by the General Affairs Council on 18 July 1994."

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As regards:

- (i) composition and chairmanship,
- (ii) meetings, and
- (iii) status,

confirmation of the status quo as decided at the General Affairs Council on 18 July 1994
(see 8462/94 JAI 30) is sufficient.

TIMETABLE (indicative)

26 January 1996 and four meetings in February to May 1996	}	Meetings of the Consultative Commission and adoption of a report containing the outcome of the feasibility study
end May 1996	}	Presentation of the report to Coreper
June 1996	}	Presentation of the report to the General Affairs Council.
