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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of : Visa Working Party

on: 17 December 1997

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda in Telex No 5100 of 28 October 1997 was adopted with the addition of items (a) to (d) under "Other business".

2. Joint action concerning a uniform format for residence permits

- draft Council Decision on common standards relating to filling in the uniform format for residence permits
11748/1/97 ASIM 206 REV 1

For the outcome of the Working Party's examination of 11748/97 ASIM 206 see REV 2 of that document.

3. Draft joint action concerning the production, on forgery-proof paper, of a uniform sheet for affixing visas 11362/1/97 ASIM 192 REV 1

Delegations asked questions about the nature of the document and its intended purpose. Given the lack of answers at this stage, the Working Party decided to continue its discussions in more detail before looking once again at the content of the document.

4. Measures regarding certain categories of Angolan nationals (information from the Presidency)

The Presidency reported on the content of these measures. The delegations noted the information.

5. Other business

(a) Portugal's visa policy

The Portuguese delegation told the Working Party that as from 1 January 1998 Malawi nationals would require visas to enter Portugal.

(b) Denmark's visa policy

The Danish delegation told the Working Party that an agreement abolishing visas for diplomatic passports had been signed with Bulgaria and would come into force on 1 January 1998.

(c) France's visa policy

The French delegation told the Working Party that Paraguayan nationals were already exempt from any visa requirement when entering France.

(d) France's use of the uniform format for visas

Further to questions that had been raised at previous meetings, the Commission representative told the Working Party that there was a conflict between Articles 3, 5 and 7 of Regulation No 2317/95 and France's request to use the uniform format for visas when issuing visas as a representative of certain African States.
