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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

from : Horizontal Drugs group

on : 27 June 1997

I. Adoption of the agenda

The group adopted the agenda set out in telex n° 2688 of 17 June 1997, it being understood that under any other business on request of the Austrian delegation will be examined a Spanish proposal for amendments of the Schedules I and II of the UN Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971.

II. Follow-up to conclusions of the meeting of the European Council in Amsterdam

The Presidency informed the group on the follow-up to conclusions of the meeting of the European Council on 16/17 June 1997 in Amsterdam.

It stressed the creation of the high level group and the elaboration of the report for the European Council of Luxembourg.

III. Latin America

A. **Cooperation mechanism**

(doc. 8149/97 CORDROGUE 27)

The group had a first exchange of views on the cooperation mechanism on Latin America proposed by the Spanish delegation.

- a) In presenting its proposals the Spanish delegation spelled out that its text has been put forward in order to launch a first debate. The mechanism should be flexible and open without prejudice to existing structures. An integrated approach is needed for the region based on communication of data.

Most delegations favoured a light and flexible mechanism closely connected to and integrated in the Rio group.

Optimal use has to be made of existing structures (e.g. cooperation with the Andean Community, MERCOSUR, Cariforum). Some delegations insisted on the need for appropriate representation of Caribbean countries in the mechanism. The dialogue on the level of the Rio group can be extended with some Caribbean countries.

Moreover, several delegations expressed the view that in the mechanism no individual projects should be discussed. They stressed that regions to be covered by the mechanism are very heterogeneous (source countries / transit countries).

- b) The Presidency concluded that

- There was consensus on the importance of cooperation with Latin America. A preference for existing structures was expressed (Dublin group, Horizontal Drugs group, Caribbean and especially Rio group).
- In the mechanism appropriate distinction has to be made between the various regions.

- In a later stage the involvement of major partners (notably U.S.) has to be considered.
- All three pillars have to be involved in the cooperation. An integral approach is needed.

The group decided to pursue its deliberations at the next meeting of the group on 16 July 1997.

B. Report meeting European Union / Andean Community countries of 18/19 June 1997

The presidency informed the group on the conclusions of the meeting with Andean community on 18/19 June 1997. The conclusions of the meeting (cf. doc. 9298/97 ENFOPOL 155) will be reviewed by the Troika and representatives of the Andean Community on 15 July 1997.

IV. Preparation of special session United Nations General Assembly

The presidency informed the group on preparatory meetings for the extraordinary U.N. General Assembly session on drugs in June 1997.

A first meeting will take place on 7/9 July 1997 in Vienna. The meeting will deal with ATS and precursors chemicals. Subsequent meetings will deal with money laundering (7/9 October 1997 in Vienna) and alternative development / demand reduction (3/4/5 December 1997 in Vienna).

It was agreed that coordination on texts on amphetamines / synthetic drugs and precursor chemicals should take place on the spot in Vienna. The representative of the Commission promised that his Institution will complete reflections on US proposals on informal information exchange on precursors before 1 August 1997.

The group agreed to follow and monitor regularly the preparation for the extraordinary session of the General Assembly.

V. Synthetic drugs

A. Communication of the Commission

(5666/97 CORDROGUE 2)

The representative of the Commission announced that his Institution will present a twofold proposal on synthetic drugs (precursors) in October 1997.

The U.K. delegation expressed concerns on the principle of a prescriptive list. Any list should be indicative.

B. Seminar synthetic drugs (Eindhoven 28/29 April 1997)

(7995/97 CORDROGUE 23)

The group took note with great interest of a declaration and documentation of the director of the EMCDDA on the implementation of the joint action on synthetic drugs as regards its contribution to the early warning system.

The target date for making the Centre operational is 1 January 1998. The U.K. delegation said that forensic laboratories will take this work forward.

The group agreed to monitor regularly the implementation of the Joint Action.

VI. Follow-up to UNDCP Conference on 16/17 April 1997 in Moscow

(8041/97 ENFOPOL 112)

The French delegation felt that in the document agreed in Moscow more attention could have been paid to external borders controls.

The representative of the Commission said that in the final report of the TACIS mission all actions that are in the Plan will be incorporated. The report will be presented on 16 July 1997 and submitted to the K.4 Committee of 24/25 July 1997.

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The Group agreed to put this item on the agenda of a forthcoming meeting.

VII. Any other business

The group decided to study the letter of the Spanish delegation on enlargement of the 1971 Convention list at its next meeting.
