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Subject : **Cooperation between Interpol and the European Union**

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. At the meeting of Steering Group II on 7/8 January 1997 it was agreed that in regard to relations between the European Union and Interpol groups concerned (Drugs and Organised Crime, Police Cooperation) would discuss the matter on the basis of document 11848/96 ENFOPOL 190. Subsequently the Europol Group would assess the contributions of these groups and forward a comprehensive note on this matter to the K.4 Committee.
- B. The Police Cooperation Group drew up a document on 27 February 1997 (document 6808/97 ENFOPOL 64). The views of the Drugs and Organised Crime Group are in document 6555/1/97 ENFOPOL 53 REV 1. In the meantime, on 7 March 1997 a meeting took place between the Troika of the K.4 Committee on the one hand and the Presidency and the General Secretariat of Interpol on the other hand (cf. document 5236/97 ENFOPOL 5).

- C. At the meetings of the Europol Group of 11/12 April and 15/16 May 1997 relations between the European Union and Interpol were discussed on the basis of aforementioned notes. A note (doc. 7919/1/97 EUROPOL 25 REV 1) was elaborated that was discussed by the K.4 Committee at its meeting of 5/6 June 1997. The work of the Committee resulted in the present note on which the German, Austrian and Italian delegations expressed a waiting reservation.

II. PRINCIPLES AND MODALITIES OF COOPERATION

It was pointed out that relations between Europol and Interpol will have to be decided in a separate framework (cf. Article 42 of the Europol Convention). To this end the Presidency has presented a proposal on draft rules concerning the external relations between Europol and Third States and not EC related bodies (8034/1/97 EUROPOL 29 REV 1). These relations are of paramount importance. The present note defines possibilities for cooperation between Third Pillar bodies and Interpol. Moreover it is emphasized that the orientations in this note do not affect the need for coordination of competent services in Member States dealing with Interpol and European Union matters.

A. Principles

As reaffirmed during the aforementioned meeting of 7 March 1997 the principle of cooperation should govern relations between Interpol and the European Union. Duplication of efforts has in principle to be avoided. Both organizations should draw upon each other's experiences and, where possible, common norms and standards should be used. At the same time their differences in scope and goals should be respected.

B. Modalities

The Presidency suggests that contacts on programmes be maintained between Presidency/Council Secretariat and Interpol.

At least once, or when needed twice, a year a note will be elaborated in which programmes of Interpol and European Union will be compared. The K.4 Committee will single out specific areas for cooperation. On the base of the orientation of the K.4 Committee a meeting will take place between the K.4 Committee Troika supported by the Council Secretariat and in full association with the Commission and Interpol. In the delegation of the Presidency, (the Management Board of) Europol will be represented. At this meeting organization of cooperation will be discussed. This cooperation can take place through exchange of information and assistance to meetings of mutual interest on working group level while respecting internal rules of Interpol and the European Union.

C. Areas for cooperation

1. *Police Cooperation Group*

The Police Cooperation Group considers that for example in the following fields cooperation of efforts should be pursued :

- fingerprinting
- DNA profiling
- missing persons and unidentified corpses.

2. *Drugs and Organised Crime Group*

The Drugs and Organised Crime Group felt that cooperation should take place for example in following fields :

- trafficking in human beings (especially children)
 - precursors (third pillar)
 - controlled deliveries.
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