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TEXT

The Presidency circulates to Partners the following annotated agenda for the Political Committee meeting in Brussels on 19 March:

1. GREAT LAKES

- Assessment of current position. EU Special Envoy Aldo Ajello will be present.

- Update on proposed EU action: draft Common Position on Rwanda, and Ministerial Troika to the region.

2. WESTERN BALKANS

- Developments in Kosovo, following the European Conference and Gymnich discussions. How can the EU contribute forcefully to the follow-up?

- Croatia: EU Troika demarche on President Tudjman - next steps, particularly on refugees and the unhelpful Croatian approach to Bosnia.

3. MEPP

- Developments following the Gymnich discussion, including contacts with the US (20 March), and initial read-out of Mr Cook's visit to the region.

4. IRAN

- Recommendations to 30 March GAC on modalities for EU/Iran dialogue, following COMEM on 12 March.

5. CAMBODIA

- Review of internal political and human rights situation.

- Recommendation on continuation of EU electoral assistance.

6. INFLUX OF ILLEGAL MIGRANTS FROM IRAQ AND THE NEIGHBOURING REGION

- Agreement to CFSP aspects of the review of the Action Plan for the 30 March GAC, following COMEM on 12 March.

7. POLITICAL DIALOGUE

- Malta: framework for political dialogue.

- Associates: further discussion of paper distributed at London PoCo on 12-13 February.

- ASEM 2: briefing on Coordinators' meeting, 16/17 March.

- Forthcoming meetings: Japan, China.

8. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Notes:

- The meeting will be held in the Justus Lipsius Council Building. Separate lunches will be provided for Political Directors and European Correspondents.

- European Correspondents will begin at 0930, and will discuss items 6 - 8 in plenary and over lunch.

- Political Directors will begin at 1100, and will discuss items 1 - 5 and 9 in plenary.

- The Presidency proposes that, over lunch, Political Directors discuss: "GAC working methods: how can we ensure more effective handling of CFSP business?"

- The Presidency aims to finish the meeting by 1800.

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