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from: Presidency

to: ~~Migration Working Party (Expulsion)~~

Subject: ~~Letter to third countries concerning the use of standard travel documents for the expulsion of~~
third-country nationals

Delegations will find attached, as discussed at the meeting of the Migration Working Party (Expulsion) on 2 September 1998, the Presidency's proposal for a letter to all third countries concerning the use of standard travel documents for the expulsion of third-country nationals.

The intention is to forward this letter to the Foreign Ministries of the third countries via diplomatic channels.

The complimentary formulae to be used at the beginning and end of the draft text have been omitted at this stage; these will be inserted only after agreement has been reached in principle on the core text.

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LETTER TO THIRD COUNTRIES EU STANDARD TRAVEL DOCUMENT

..... Complimentary greeting

In combating unauthorised immigration, residence and work by nationals of third countries on the territory of European Union Member States, cooperation between the Member States on the execution of expulsion measures is considered a priority action.

The great majority of European Union Member States experience considerable difficulties in cases of planned expulsion of third-country nationals possessing no travel documents. Desirous of improving the efficiency with which expulsion measures are executed, the Council of the European Union has adopted the "Council Recommendation of 30 November 1994 concerning the adoption of a standard travel document for the expulsion of third-country nationals", Official Journal of the European Communities C 274 of 19.9.1996.

On the basis of that Council Recommendation, most European Union Member States have been using the EU standard travel document for the expulsion of third-country nationals possessing no travel documents. The EU standard travel document is valid for only one exit and is issued only when other proof exists of the nationality of the third-country national.

A specimen of the EU standard travel document is attached to this note. The document is drawn up in the language of the European Union Member State which executes the expulsion order. The document is translated into French and English as necessary.

On behalf of the European Union Member States, the current Presidency of the European Union would express the hope that home countries will allow their nationals not possessing travel documents, who are expelled from the territory of the European Union, to enter their countries using the EU standard travel document.

..... Complimentary close