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NOTE

from :	Presidency
to :	CIREFI
No. Prev. Doc.	7965/99 CIREFI 20 MIGR 33
Subject :	**Early-warning system for the transmission of information on illegal immigration and facilitator networks - Inclusion of Iceland and Norway**

1. At the CIREFI meeting held on 27 September 1999, delegations generally agreed that it would be desirable to include Iceland and Norway in the EU early-warning system for the transmission of information on illegal immigration and facilitator networks. For this purpose, they broadly favoured the approach used for the inclusion of Iceland and Norway in the CIREFI data exchange (see 9909/99 CIREFI 39), i.e. inviting them to join the system on an informal basis, without prejudice to the adoption of a decision at a later stage.

2. Based on the outcome of the above-mentioned meeting, the Presidency wishes to invite Iceland and Norway to join the CIREFI system on an informal basis. This could be done by way of a unilateral commitment by the CIREFI delegations of these two countries to provide to all the participants of the early-warning system any information that they deem as relevant under the terms of the Council resolution of 27 May 1999.

3. This procedure would be without prejudice to the formal adoption of a decision in the framework of the development of the Schengen acquis. Such decision could be based on a Commission proposal, particularly if the Commission, as advised by the European Parliament, decides to present a proposal on this matter.

4. It therefore invites CIREFI to agree to:

– invite the delegations of Iceland and Norway to the next Mixed Committee on CIREFI matters to confirm their wish to undertake unilaterally to provide to all the participants of the early-warning system any information which they deem as relevant under the terms of the Council resolution of 27 May 1999;

– add the details of the contact points of Iceland and Norway to the list in 10887/99 CIREFI 45 (RESTREINT), in order that all the participants in the system can effectively transmit communications to Iceland and Norway in addition to the other participants, and transmit the revised list of contact points to the delegations of Iceland and Norway;

– note that this informal arrangement would be without prejudice to a decision in the framework of the development of the Schengen acquis, possibly on the basis of a Commission proposal, which, amongst other things, would enlarge the scope of the system to include Iceland and Norway.

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ADDENDUM TO THE NOTE

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At the end of the document, a fourth indent is to be added as follows:

"- note that this informal arrangement can in no way constitute a precedent for the establishment of similar arrangements with any other third State.".