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NOTE

From :	Presidency
To :	Europol Working Party
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Subject :	Europol's participation in Joint Teams

The Presidency, having taken note of document 7316/00 EUROPOL 4, wishes to present to the delegations in the Europol Working Party a draft text of Council Conclusions in which the ideas as set out in part 1 of document EUROPOL 4 have been incorporated.

On the basis of document EUROPOL 4 the Council Conclusions in respect to Europol's participation in Joint Teams could read as follows:

"The Council, recalling Recommendation 43 of the Conclusions of the 15/16 October 1999 meeting of the European Council in Tampere and Article 30 Paragraph 2 of the Treaty on European Union, considers it important for Europol officers to be able to participate as soon as possible in Joint Investigative Teams. In a first phase such participation should take place within the limits of the provisions of the existing Europol Convention while respecting the rules laid down in the Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance [exact reference to be added after signature of this Convention].

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To this end, the Management Board of Europol is invited to describe the modalities of participation by Europol officials in Joint Investigative Teams within the limits of the existing provisions of the Europol Convention and to inform the Council thereof so as to allow the Council to assess the need for any additional measures to be prepared in the long run."

In case delegations are willing to accept a text as outlined above, the Presidency intends to have such draft conclusions submitted for adoption by the Council during its meeting in the end of May.