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NOTE

From:	The General Secretariat
to:	Delegations
Subject:	<i>List of Committees and Working Parties involved in the Council's preparatory work</i>

1. Delegations will find attached the complete list of Council preparatory bodies updated by the Secretariat as a result of recent decisions by the Council and COREPER¹. For ease of reference the list now includes the full denomination to be used for the various Committees, Working Parties and Groups. A number of technical adjustments have also been made so that the list now indicates the correct denominations to be used in all official languages.
2. The new denominations for Working Parties are already being used. However mergers and changes to the remits of Working Parties agreed last November will only be fully implemented by 30 June 2000 at the latest.

¹ New additions to the list can be found under C.37, C.38, C.39, F.10 and P.2.

LIST
OF FORMAL COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES
INVOLVED IN THE COUNCIL'S PREPARATORY WORK

- A. Committees established by the Treaties, by Intergovernmental decision and Groups closely associated with COREPER**
- B. General Affairs (Horizontal Issues)**
- C. General Affairs (External Relations)**
- D. Development**
- E. Budget**
- F. Ecofin**
- G. Justice and Home Affairs**
- H. Agriculture**
- I. Fisheries**
- J. Industry**
- K. Internal Market**
- L. Telecommunications**
- M. Information Society**
- N. Energy**
- O. Research**
- P. Labour and Social Affairs**
- Q. Transport**
- R. Environment**
- S. Health and Consumer Affairs**
- T. Education, Culture and Youth**

	COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED BY THE TREATIES
A.1	Permanent Representatives Committee (COREPER) (a) Part II (b) Part I
A.2	Economic and Financial Committee ¹
A.3	Employment Committee ²
A.4	Article 133 Committee ³
A.5	Political Committee
A.6	Article 36 Committee
	COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL DECISION
A.7	Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA) ⁴
	GROUPS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH COREPER
A.8	Antici Group
A.9	Mertens Group
A.10	Friends of the Presidency Group
	COUNSELLORS/ATTACHES
A.11	Counsellors/Attachés ⁵
	GENERAL AFFAIRS
	Horizontal Issues
B.1	Working Party on General Affairs
B.2	Working Party on Enlargement
B.3	High Level Working Group on Asylum and Migration
B.4	Horizontal Working Party on Drugs ⁶
B.5	Working Party on Information
B.6	Working Party on Legal Information and Data Processing/Celex
B.7	Working Party on Electronic Communications ⁷
B.8	Working Party on Consolidation of Legislation

¹ The Secretariat of this Committee is provided by the Commission, which also covers travel expenses. It should be noted that Article 8 of the EFC Statutes allows it to establish sub-Committees or Working Parties on specific matters.

² This Advisory Committee, established under Article 130 of the Treaty, formulates opinions at the request of either the Council or the Commission and contributes to the preparation of Council proceedings.

³ This Committee meets at the level of Full members and Deputies. It may also convene in expert formations dealing with Textiles, Services, ECSC, Motor Vehicles and Mutual Recognition.

⁴ The Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA) was established by a decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States on 12 May 1960 to prepare decisions of the Agriculture Council.

⁵ There is no change in the practices followed in different sectors for convening and organising formal Counsellor or Attaché meetings.

⁶ The Horizontal Working Party, which subsumes the work of the CODRO group, will ensure that it has a general overview of all drug-related questions. The Presidency and the Secretariat will accordingly ensure that the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs receives information on all drug-related issues being handled in other Working Parties.

⁷ The Working Party on Electronic Transmission of Documents will be merged with the CFSP Communications Working Party to form the Working Party on Electronic Communications. Particular attention should be paid to confidentiality for CFSP communications.

B.9	Working Party of Legal/Linguistic Experts
B.10	Working Party on the Court of Justice
B.11	Working Party on European Arms Policy
B.12	Working Party on Atomic Questions
B.13	Working Party on Structural Actions
B.14	Working Party on the Outermost Regions
B.15	Working Party on the Staff Regulations
B.16	Working Party on New Buildings
	External Relations
C.1	Working Party of Foreign Relations Counsellors ¹
C.2	Working Party on Transatlantic Relations
C.3	Working Party on EFTA ²
C.4	Working Party on the Western Balkans Region
C.5	Ad hoc Working Party on Lomé
C.6	ACP Working Party
C.7	ACP/FIN Working Party
C.8	Africa Working Party
C.9	Asia-Oceania Working Party
C.10	Working Party on Latin America
C.11	Working Party on Eastern Europe/Central Asia
C.12	Working Party on Central Europe
C.13	Working Party on Southeast Europe
C.14	Working Party on the Middle East Peace Process
C.15	Middle East/Gulf Working Party
C.16	Mashrak/Maghreb ³ Working Party
C.17	Security Working Party
C.18	Ad hoc Working Party on the Security Model
C.19	Working Party on Terrorism (international aspects)
C.20	OSCE Working Party
C.21	Working Party on Non-Proliferation
C.22	Working Party on Conventional Arms Exports
C.23	Working Party on Global Disarmament and Arms Control
C.24	Working Party on Human Rights
C.25	Working Party on Public International Law
C.26	Working Party on the Law of the Sea
C.27	United Nations Working Party
C.28	Working Party on Planning
C.29	Working Party on Consular Affairs
C.30	Working Party on CFSP Administrative Affairs and Protocol
C.31	Working Party on Trade Questions
C.32	Working Party on the Generalised System of Preferences

¹ The tasks of the RELEX Working Party will be transferred to the Working Party of CFSP Counsellors, which is renamed the Working Party of Foreign Relations Counsellors.

² In addition to its current responsibility for the EFTA countries and the Faroe Islands, the Working Party on EFTA will also be responsible for matters relating to Monaco, Andorra, San Marino and the Holy See.

³ This Working Party will be responsible for EU coordination of Euro-Med meetings, in accordance with the guidelines adopted by COREPER in 1996 (cf. Doc. 7556/96 MED 32).

C.33	Working Party on Commodities
C.34	Export Credits Group
C.35	Working Party on Dual-Use Goods
C.36	Working Party on Fairs and Exhibitions
C.37	Interim Political and Security Committee
C.38	Interim Military Committee
C.39	Interim Military Working Party
	DEVELOPMENT
D.1	Working Party on Development Co-operation
D.2	Working Party on Food aid
D.3	Working Party on Preparation for International Development Conferences
	BUDGET
E.1	Budget Committee
E.2	Working Party on the Protection of the Communities' Financial Interests
E.3	Working Party on Combating Fraud
	ECOFIN
F.1	Economic Policy Committee ¹
F.2	Working Party on Financial Questions (a) Own Resources
F.3	Working Party of Financial Counsellors
F.4	EMU Working Party
F.5	Working Party on ECOFIN Statistics
F.6	Working Party on Financial Services (a) Electronic Money (b) UCITs (c) Money Laundering (d) Winding up of credit institutions
F.7	Working Party on Tax Questions (a) Indirect Taxation (VAT, Excise duties, Energy taxation) (b) Direct Taxation (including taxation of savings, interest and royalties)
F.8	Code of Conduct Group (Business Taxation) ² (a) Sub-group A (b) Sub-group B
F.9	Ad hoc Working Party on Tax Fraud ³
F.10	High-level Working Party on Taxation

¹ This Committee is established by a Council decision. The Secretariat of this Committee is provided by the Commission, which also bears the cost of reimbursement of travel expenses.

² High-level representatives of the Finance Ministers.

³ This Working party is composed of High-level officials.

	JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS¹
G.1	Strategic Committee on Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum
G.2	Working Party on Migration and Expulsion
G.3	Working Party on Visas
G.4	Asylum Working Party (a) Dublin Convention (b) Eurodac
G.5	CIREA Working Party
G.6	CIREFI Working Party
G.7	Working Party on Frontiers (including forged documents)
G.8	Committee on Civil Law Matters
G.9	Working Party on Information Systems and Data Protection (excl. SIS)
G.10	SIS Working Party
G.11	SIS-TECH Working Party (a) General (b) SISNET
G.12	SIRENE Working Party
G.13	Working Party on Police Cooperation (including forged documents) (a) Telecommunications (b) Investigative Techniques and Forensic Science (c) Exchange of Police Intelligence
G.14	Europol Working Party
G.15	Working Party on Terrorism
G.16	Working Party on Drug Trafficking
G.17	Working Party on Customs Cooperation
G.18	Working Party on Cooperation in Criminal Matters
G.19	Working Party on Substantive Criminal Law
G.20	Working Party on Collective Evaluation
G.21	Working Party on Schengen Evaluation
G.22	Working Party on the Schengen Acquis
G.23	Multidisciplinary Group on Organised Crime ²
G.24	Working Party on the European Judicial Network
G.25	Working Party on the Contact and Support Network
G.26	Working Party on Civil Protection

¹ The list of preparatory bodies in the JHA sector corresponds to that decided in COREPER (cf. doc. 6166/2/99 REV 2 which also covers reporting arrangements), except that the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs is listed under General Affairs (Horizontal issues) (cf. B.4) and the Working Parties on the Schengen Acquis and on Civil Protection have been added (the latter since this is the most logical topic heading under which to include it).

² Including Pre-accession Pact Experts Group (PAPEG).

	AGRICULTURE
H.1	Working Party on the Aegean Islands
H.2	Working Party on Agricultural Statistics
H.3	Agricultural Structures Working Party (a) Agriculture and Environment (b) Rural Development
H.4	Working Party on Genetic Resources in Agriculture (a) Animals (b) Vegetables
H.5	AGRIFIN Working Party
H.6	Working Party on Agri-monetary Questions
H.7	Working Party on Agricultural questions (a) Labelling of beef products (b) Animal Feedingstuffs (c) Seeds and Propagating Material (d) Harmful Organisms (e) Pesticide Residues (f) Pesticides/Plant Protection Products (g) Plant Breed Rights
H.8	Working Party on Animal Products (a) Beef and Veal (b) Sheepmeat and goatmeat (c) Pigmeat (d) Eggs and Poultry
H.9	Working Party on Arable Crops (a) Cereals (b) Oilseeds (c) Rice (d) Protein products (e) Seeds
H.10	Working Party on Beekeeping and Honey
H.11	Working Party on Simplification of the CAP
H.12	Working Party on Dried Fodder
H.13	Working Party on the Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN)
H.14	Working Party on Floriculture
H.15	Working Party on Forestry (incl. CSD/Ad hoc IFF)
H.16	Working Party on Fruit and Vegetables (a) Bananas (b) Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (c) Processed Fruit and Vegetables (d) Potatoes
H.17	Working Party on Hops
H.18	Working Party on Horizontal Agricultural questions
H.19	Working Party on Milk and Milk Products
H.20	Working Party on Products not listed in Annex I

H.21	Working Party on Olive oil (incl. table olives)
H.22	Working Party on Chief Plant Health Officers
H.23	Working Party on Plant Health (a) Protection and Inspection (b) Propagating and Planting Materials
H.24	Working Party on the Promotion of Agricultural Products
H.25	Working Party on Foodstuff Quality (a) Organic Farming (b) Geographical Indications and Designations of Origin (c) Certificates of Specific Character
H.26	Working Party on Strengthening of Controls (incl. IS)
H.27	Working Party on Sugar and Isoglucose
H.28	Working Party on Textile Fibres (a) Cotton (b) Flax and Hemp (c) Silk Worms
H.29	Working Party on Tobacco
H.30	Working Party on Wines and Alcohol (a) Wine (b) Aromatised Wines (c) Spirit drinks (d) Alcohol (e) Vinegar (f) OIV
H.31	Working Party of Chief Veterinary Officers
H.32	Working Party of Veterinary Experts (a) Public Health (b) Animal Health (c) Animal Welfare (d) Fishery Products (e) Potsdam Group (f) Third countries
H.33	Working Party on Animal Husbandry
H.34	Working Party on Contaminants of Agricultural Origin
H.35	OECD Coordination Working Party (a) Committee for Agriculture (b) Statistics
H.36	FAO Coordination Working Party (Agriculture)

H.37	Codex Alimentarius Working Party (a) General Principles (b) Food Additives and Contaminants (c) Food Hygiene (d) Food Labelling (e) Methods of Analysis and Sampling (f) Pesticide Residues (g) Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (h) Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (i) Nutrition and Food for Special Dietary Uses (j) Cocoa Products and Chocolate (k) Sugars (l) Processed Fruit and Vegetables (m) Oils and Fats (n) Fish and Fishery Products (o) Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (p) Milk and Milk Products (q) Natural Mineral Waters (r) Task Force on Biotechnology (s) Task Force on Fruit Juices (t) Task Force on Animal Feed (u) Coordination Committee for Europe
	FISHERIES
I.1	Working Party on External Fisheries Policy
I.2	Working Party on Internal Fisheries Policy
I.3	Working Party of Directors General of Fisheries Departments
	INDUSTRY
J.1	Working Party on Industry (a) State Aid (b) Shipbuilding (c) SMEs, including Late Payments
J.2	Working Party on Competition
J.3	Working Party on ECSC Questions
J.4	Working Party on Tourism

	INTERNAL MARKET
K.1	Working Party on Horizontal Internal Market Questions
K.2	Working Party on Public Procurement
K.3	Working Party on Statistics (a) Intrastat
K.4	Working Party on Intellectual Property (a) Trade Marks (b) Utility Model (c) Designs (d) Patents (e) Copyright
K.5	Working Party on Company Law (a) Accounting and Statutory Auditing (b) Takeover Bids
K.6	Insurance Working Party
K.7	Working Party on Establishment and Services ¹ (a) Diplomas (b) Establishment and Services (Third Country Nationals)
K.8	Working Party on Technical Harmonisation (a) Standardisation (b) Motor Vehicles (c) Dangerous Substances and Preparations (d) Machinery, Electrical Equipment and other Products (e) Units of Measurements (f) Precious metals (g) Fertilizers (h) Construction Products (i) Electrical Equipment (j) Cosmetics
K.9	Product Liability Working Party
K.10	Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices (a) Orphan Medicinal Products (b) Clinical Trials (c) Medical Devices
K.11	Working Party on Customs Union (a) Customs Legislation and Policy (b) Common Customs Tariff
K.12	Working Party on Data Protection
K.13	Working Party on Foodstuffs
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS
L.1	Working Party on Telecommunications
L.2	Working Party on Postal Services

¹ Includes medical professions.

	INFORMATION SOCIETY
M.1	Working Party on Information Society Services
	ENERGY
N.1	Working Party on Energy ¹
N.2	High-level Working Party on Energy ¹
	RESEARCH²
O.1	Working Party on Research
O.2	Joint Working Party on Research/Atomic Questions
O.3	CREST ³
	LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS⁴
P.1	Working Party on Social Questions
P.2	High-level Working Party on Social Protection
	TRANSPORT
Q.1	Working Party on Land Transport ⁵
Q.2	Working Party on Shipping ⁵
Q.3	Working Party on Aviation ⁵
Q.4	Working Party on Intermodal Transport Questions and Networks ⁵
	ENVIRONMENT⁶
R.1	Working Party on the Environment
R.2	Working Party on Climate Change
R.3	Working Party on Biodiversity (a) Biosafety
R.4	Working Party on Persistent Organic Pollutants
R.5	High-level Working Party on Environment and Development ⁶

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- 1 Includes the High-level Working Party on the Energy Charter
- 2 The COST Committee is not included in the list since it is not a Council preparatory body.
- 3 This committee is chaired by the Commission. The secretariat is provided by the Council Secretariat. The internal rules of procedure for CREST allow for ad hoc Working Parties to be established, several of which exist.
- 4 The Standing Committee on Employment is not included in this list since it is not a Council preparatory body.
- 5 These Working Parties also meet in special configurations according to operational needs.
- 6 Working Parties or experts may be convened to run concurrently with the Working Party meeting itself.

	HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
S.1	Working Party on Public Health
S.2	Working Party on Consumer Protection and Information
	EDUCATION, CULTURE AND YOUTH
T.1	Audiovisual Working Party
T.2	Education Committee
T.3	Committee on Cultural Affairs
T.4	Working Party on Youth (a) Ad hoc Daphne (b) Ad hoc Combating Child Sex Tourism



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CORRIGENDUM TO THE NOTE

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Subject: *List of Committees and Working Parties involved in the Council's preparatory work*

On page 3 of the Annex, row B.8 should read as follows:

"Working Party on Codification of Legislation"