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**SCH-EVAL 39
COMIX 451**

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of : Schengen Evaluation Working Party
on : 15 May 2000

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda set out in Telex No 1942 was adopted, with the addition, under "other business", of a request from Europol for information.

2. Evaluation of the Nordic countries

- a. Report on the Data Protection/Security visit**
8110/00 SCH-EVAL 26 COMIX 365
- b. Report on the Police Cooperation visit**
8111/00 SCH-EVAL 27 COMIX 366

The Chairmen of the Sub-Group on Data Security and Protection and the Sub-Group on Police Cooperation presented the reports on the visits to the Nordic countries. Attention was drawn to the particular approach used in Denmark and Iceland, namely hiring a private firm to run the N.SIS.

Finland asked for corrections to be made to a passage dealing with the use of secure networks by the police. The Chairman mentioned that it had been agreed in the Article 36 Committee to forward the report on data protection and security to the Chairman of the Schengen Joint Supervisory Authority.

The reports on the visits were approved.

The Working Party also discussed the draft summary report to the Council, 8112/00 SCH-EVAL 28 COMIX 367, and the Nordic comments set out in Addendum 1. Once certain additions and amendments had been made, the version of the text contained in SCH-EVAL 28 REV 1 was approved. The amendments dealt with the legal conditions to be met by the Nordic States, weapons, entry, readmission and penalties, Greenland and the Faeroe Islands, and extradition. Extradition was discussed at length, the Nordic States arguing that the extradition of Nordic residents had been dealt with in the Declarations annexed to the Convention on Extradition and the Declarations made upon accession to Schengen. Other delegations thought that the reservation regarding extradition ran counter to the spirit of Tampere. It was agreed that the Council's attention would be drawn to this political issue.

c. Additional replies supplied by the countries

6347/00 SCH-EVAL 10 COMIX 179

6357/00 SCH-EVAL 11 COMIX 180

6358/00 SCH-EVAL 12 COMIX 181

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6360/00 SCH-EVAL 14 COMIX 183

The Working Party took note of the abovementioned documents.

d. Preparation for the Visa/Consular Cooperation evaluation visit

The Working Party confirmed the arrangements for the visa and consular cooperation visit to Amman, Moscow and St Petersburg in June. The report would be discussed at the first meeting following the visit.

e. Draft report to the Council

8709/00 SCH-EVAL 29 COMIX 413

Several corrections were made to the draft Council conclusions (see REV 1), which would be submitted to COREPER. The French delegation entered a reservation.

f. Continuation of evaluation work under the French Presidency

France would shortly distribute its proposals for the continuation of the work.

3. Application of the Schengen *acquis* in Greece

– Additional visit in the second half of the year

France had currently scheduled the visit to Greece for the period from 11 to 15 September. For various reasons that suggestion did not meet with the consent of the German, Greek, Italian and Nordic delegations.

The French delegation asked the delegations interested in the visit to Greece and the Nordic countries to indicate their interest before 15 July.

– **Secondment of liaison officers**

Germany said that preparations were under way for the secondment of liaison officers and that it would propose discussing the matter with Greece during June 2000 with a view to producing a memorandum of understanding.

4. Other business

The Presidency informed the Working Party of a request from Europol for transmission of the report on the data protection visit to Norway with a view to preparing for the negotiations with Norway which Europol had been authorised to conduct by the Council Decision of 27 March 2000. The Working Party approved the transmission of the information on condition that the report be used solely for preparing for the negotiations with Norway.
