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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

Of :	Customs Cooperation Group
On :	29 June 2000

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Group adopted the agenda as set out in telex 2810 of 19 June 2000.

2. (a) Implementation of the Naples II Convention: preparatory questionnaire for the drafting of a customs cooperation handbook: situation report (5963/00 ENFOCUSTOM 11, 6704/2/98 ENFOCUSTOM 18 REV 2 + COR 1)

The Group

– was informed of the state of play concerning the replies given to the above questionnaire;

– invited delegations, who have not jet replied, to do so.

(b) Customs cooperation handbook for implementation of the Naples II Convention: draft plan (9585/00 ENFOCUSTOM 28)

The French delegation

- presented the document 9585/00 ENFOCUSTOM 28 which contains an overall structure of the customs cooperation handbook and stressed that the handbook must be a practical and operational document and its structure would be similar to the Schengen Police Cooperation Handbook, adapted to the specific needs of customs cooperation;

- announced the intention to present a first draft of the handbook at the next meeting.

The representative of the Council Secretariat informed the Group that the corrections of the Danish, Dutch, Finnish and Greek versions of the Naples II Convention will be published in the Official Journal.

3. European seminar on customs inspection of air freight, held in Paris from 29 to 31 May 2000: presentation of findings (9586/00 ENFOCUSTOM 29)

The Group was informed of the conclusions of the above seminar.

Several delegations expressed doubts concerning the seminar's recommendations.

4. OISIN programme: present situation and future prospects

The Commission representative informed the Group of the Customs related projects carried out in the framework of the OISIN Programme during 1997- 2000.

5. Enlargement: progress report on customs work in the Working Party on Collective Evaluation

The Group was informed of the activities of the Collective Evaluation Working Party. A room document was distributed which contained references to recent Eval/Elarg documents.

6. Convention on the use of information technology for customs purposes (CIS Convention): technical development

The Commission representative informed the Group of the preparation of the implementation of the above Convention and in particular on the technical and juridical aspects of this subject.

7. Setting up of a computerised records system for customs purposes in the Member States (9006/00 ENFOCUSTOM 25)

The Group

- was informed of the result of the meeting held by the heads of the Customs administrations of France, Germany and the United Kingdom;

- examined the above document presented by the German delegation and decided to come back to this item at an experts' meeting to be held on 12 September.

8. Inspection of containers carried by sea: action plan for 2000-2001 (6286/2/00 ENFOCUSTOM 14 REV 2)

The Group

- examined the above document on the co-ordination of work on sea container control and agreed to come back to this item at its next meeting;

– took note of a scrutiny reservation introduced by the German delegation.

9. Combating money laundering: measures to supervise cross-border cash transactions (Moneypenny exercise): final report (9630/00 ENFOCUSTOM 30)

The German delegation presented the final report of Moneypenny joint operation aimed to monitor the cross-border transportation of cash.

The Group

– agreed to continue the examination of this subject at its meeting on 26 July 2000;

– invited delegations to send their comments on the above document by 20 July 2000.

The incoming French Presidency announced its intention to present this report to the Council meeting on 17 October 2000.

10. Multiannual strategic plan for joint customs operations (9344/00 ENFOCUSTOM 27)

The Group

– welcomed the document presented by the Netherlands delegation and had an exchange of views on this item;

– invited delegations to send their comments to the Netherlands delegation.

11. Other business

a) The Spanish delegation informed the Group on the state of play of the Bamba joint customs operation and announced that the debriefing meeting will be held in October 2000.

b) The Finnish delegation drew the attention of the Group to the document 6611/00 CRIMORG 36 concerning the prevention and control of organised crime.

c) The Group was informed of the illegal immigration drama of Dover discovered early this month by the UK Customs Administration.
