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from : K.4 Committee

meeting on : 17 and 18 November 1993

to : ~~Permanent Representatives Committee meeting on 25 November 1993~~

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Subject: The fight against trade in human beings

1. The Presidency suggests that the Permanent Representatives Committee submit for the Council's approval the recommendations set out in Annex I; the grounds are given in Annex II.
2. At the K.4 Committee meeting on 17 and 18 November 1993:
 - the Danish and German delegations entered general reservations on the recommendations given in Annex I;
 - several delegations entered reservations on recommendations 4 and 5.
3. The Presidency pressed for approval of recommendations 1 to 3 and 5, so that work could continue.

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Recommendation 1

Whereas effectively combating procuring and dismantling prostitution exploitation networks require that police officers have the best information possible on other countries' laws and foreign police methods of combat and practices, the Council recommends taking bilateral initiatives so that police officers may complete their training in this area.

Recommendation 2

Whereas effectively combating the exploitation of prostitution may require the centralization of information at national level, the Council recommends that national authorities examine the possibility of setting up national co-ordination structures within States and developing international exchanges of that information.

Recommendation 3

The Council stresses the need to develop the role of the collection and distribution of information in this field by liaison officers with general powers seconded to Community Member States and to non-member countries from which the victims of prostitution networks originate.

Recommendation 4

As most Member States have no special legislation to deal with trade in human beings for the purposes of prostitution, the Council would stress the importance of considering the need for instituting information campaigns in diplomatic and consular circles and among the border control authorities in order to forestall the exploitation of prostitution, particularly when visa applications are examined.

Recommendation 5

The Council decides that work carried out in the fight against trade in human beings for the purposes of prostitution will be extended and intensified in the areas of administration and police co-operation, law enforcement, immigration and entry to national territories.