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of: High Level Working Group on Asylum and Migration

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1. Adoption of the agenda

The **Working Group** adopted the agenda as set out in telex n° 5911 of 22 December 1998.

2. Draft terms of reference of the High Level Working Group
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Following an in-depth discussion of the text annexed to 14354/98, the **Working Group** agreed to submit to COREPER for consideration the revised draft terms of reference contained in the Annex to 5264/99 JAI 1 AG 1.

With regard to section 2 v) it was understood that the Presidency would inform the K.4 and Political Committees on a regular basis on progress made by the Working Group; moreover, considering the integral approach to be taken by the Working Group, Member States would bring about the appropriate internal coordination to ensure that the Working Group duly takes into account the opinion of these committees; however, a formal consultation of either committee would not be required, particularly in view of the tight schedule for fulfilling the Group's mandate. The **United Kingdom** had wished formally to provide for consultation of the Political Committee, but accepted that the process of information would imply an ability to comment on the part of the Political Committee to the Working Group.

3. Determination of the countries on which the High Level Working Group should focus its work (cf. telex 5888 of 18 December 1998)

Further to an extensive exchange of views, the **Working Group** agreed to the procedure and the choice of countries outlined in paras. 2 and 3 of 5264/99 JAI 1 AG 1 (including specific reservations from **France and Spain**).

The **Working Group** further asked the **Council Secretariat** to monitor the regular update of the statistical information produced by CIREA and CIREFI.

4. Date of next meeting

Depending on room availability, the **Working Party** agreed to hold its next meeting on 15 or on 8 February 1999.

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