Procedure for drawing up reports in connection with joint assessments of the situation in third countries

Introduction

Procedure for drawing up reports in connection with joint assessments of the situation in third countries (7472/94 CIREA 17, 3 June 1994). This document sets out how the joint assessment is to be prepared and the role of CIREA and the "CFSP Political Committee".

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1. At its meeting on 29 and 30 November 1 993, the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) reached agreement in principle on the text set out in the Annex hereto, subject to the Netherlands withdrawing a parliamentary scrutiny reservation and Spain withdrawing a general reservation.

2. At the meeting of the Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 23 March 1 994, the Netherlands delegation stated that the above reservation had been withdrawn.

3. In a letter dated 7 March (see 5450/94 ASIM 55), the Spanish delegation stated that it would withdraw the general reservation on asylum which had been entered at the Justice and Home Affairs Council on 29 and 30 November 1993.

4. It is therefore suggested that the Committee recommend that the Council adopt the text annexed hereto at one of its forthcoming meetings.

ANNEX PROCEDURE FOR DRAWING UP REPORTS in connection with joint assessments of the situations in third countries

1. The Presidency or any Member State will submit written proposals to CIREA for countries on which the preparation of joint reports is envisaged.

2. Following a decision on the matter in CIREA, its Chairman will

request the Chairman of the CFSP Political Committee to draft a report on the situation in one or more third countries on the basis of WGI 1535 REV 1.

3. That request will immediately be forwarded to the Chairman of the corresponding CFSP regional group(s).

4. The representation of the country holding the Presidency in the country/countries concerned will be instructed without delay to draft a report with colleagues from the other Member States.

The time-limit for the reply will generally be two or three weeks. It will be shorter where an existing report is being updated.

5. Should the drafting of the report be delayed or rendered impossible, CFSP sources will quickly inform the Chairman of CIREA of the reasons for that situation.

6. Once drafted, the joint report will be circulated to the CFSP bodies, which will examine it as soon as possible.

7. Once finalized within CFSP bodies, the report will be forwarded by the appropriate body to the Chairman of CIREA for distribution to CIREA members without delay.

8, in exceptional circumstances the Chairman of CIREA may ask the CFSP Chairman to send him an urgent report so that CIREA can examine the situation.

9. The same procedure applies to the updating of reports.