



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Brussels, 27 February 2007**

**6571/07**

**CRIMORG 34  
ENFOPOL 25**

**"I" ITEM NOTE**

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from : General Secretariat of the Council

to : Coreper (Part 2)

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Subject : Initiative of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Italy, the Republic of Finland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania and the Kingdom of Sweden, with a view to adopting a Council Decision on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime

- Publication in the Official Journal
- Consultation of the European Parliament

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1. Recently the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Italy, the Republic of Finland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania and the Kingdom of Sweden introduced an initiative with a view to adopting a Council Decision on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime, based on Article 30(1)(a) and (b), Article 31(1)(a), Article 32 and Article 34(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union.
2. The initiative, as finalised by legal/linguistic experts, is set out in document 6566/07 CRIMORG 33 ENFOPOL 18.

3. Following a discussion at the Article 36 Committee on 22 February 2007 about the approach to be adopted in relation to Article 25 of the Prüm Treaty, it was agreed that the letter transmitting the initiative to the Parliament should be drafted as set out in annex.
  
4. Coreper is asked to:
  - note that the above initiative, as set out in document 6566/07 CRIMORG 33 ENFOPOL 18 will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, unless Coreper decides otherwise;
  
  - agree, in accordance with Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the European Parliament on the basis of document 6566/07 CRIMORG 33 ENFOPOL 18;
  
  - request the European Parliament to give its opinion on document 6566/07 CRIMORG 33 ENFOPOL 18 during the plenary session from 6-7 June 2007
  
  - agree that the letter as contained in annex is therefore sent to the European Parliament.

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ANNEX

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Brussels,

**DRAFT**

Mr Hans-Gert POETTERING  
President of the European Parliament  
for the attention of Mr Harald RØMER  
Deputy Secretary-General  
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Sir,

I write to inform you that on 28 February 2007 the Permanent Representatives Committee decided to consult the European Parliament on an initiative of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Italy, the Republic of Finland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania and the Kingdom of Sweden, with a view to adopting a Council Decision on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime.

I hereby transmit this request for consultation to you. Please find annexed the text of this initiative [6566/07 CRIMORG 33 ENFOPOL 18].

The Council would appreciate it if the European Parliament could deliver its Opinion not later than 7 June 2007, in application of Article 39 of the TEU.

The Council asks me to inform you that the above-mentioned initiative includes all 3<sup>rd</sup> pillar-related non-Schengen-relevant provisions of the Prüm Treaty except for Article 25. It is still reflecting on the approach to be adopted in relation to that Article.

The Council will without delay inform the European Parliament of the outcome of its discussions on this issue.

Yours faithfully,

	<p>For the Secretary-General/High Representative</p> <p>Jean-Claude Piris Director-General of the Legal Service</p>
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Enclosure