Council (Justice, Home Affairs and Civil Protection)  
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German delegation proposal for a Council statement

The Council urges the Commission to submit proposals on the following matters in implementation of the conclusions of the Special Council on 20 September 2001:

use for police purposes of the data to be recorded in future in the centralised Eurodac database;
use of information from the visa consultation procedure by security authorities and establishment of a uniform list of States for which consultation is obligatory;
establishment of common visa data records and of a European central register of third-country nationals present within the territory of the Union;
introduction of new methods of proving identity and identification, e.g. the ultra-secure technique of image integration and inclusion of fingerprints in visa stickers and residence permits;

In addition, the Council recommends that each Member State should maintain centralised population registers and centralised registers storing data on third-country nationals present within the territory of the Union.

Furthermore, the Council instructs the Article 36 Committee to submit immediate proposals on interconnection of data by making on-line access authorisation to the databases of the SIS available to Europol, national Public Prosecutor's Offices, immigration and asylum authorities; enabling Europe-wide computerised profile searches to be conducted.