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**SIRIS 164
COMIX 753**

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of : Council Working Party SIS/SIRENE – Mixed Committee (EU-Iceland/Norway/
Switzerland) meeting as the
AD HOC HIGH-LEVEL GROUP ON SIS II
on : 7 September 2006
Subject : Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda set out in CM 2732/1/06 REV 1 of 1 September 2006 was adopted.

2. SIS II

The Presidency introduced the subject and underlined the importance of the project. The Presidency presented and overview of the progress made on the legal initiatives.

2a) State of play - global rescheduling

The Commission delegation presented document 12379/06 SIRIS 158 COMIX 710 on the global rescheduling of the project. The delegation underlined that this document had been discussed with the technical delegations in the SIS II Committee and that on the whole the new schedule was considered to be realistic and feasible.

2b) Integrated planning

The Presidency introduced document 12358/06 SIRIS 157 COMIX 708 on the implementation of the SIS II. The chairman explained the intention of the Presidency to present the approach laid out in the document in the October JHA Council.

In the discussions delegations showed broad support for the new schedule.

The delegations of the new Member States stressed in their interventions the following points :

- * they regretted the delays that had occurred
- * they feared that there could be further delays in the project
- * they worried about the financial consequences
- * they wished to get a detailed planning that would also include the final opening of the borders
- * they wished to get a clear explanation on the reasons for the delay in order to communicate with the public
- * some delegations requested to look for alternatives for the SIS II so that the opening of the borders could happen more quickly
- * certain delegations suggested already discussing the issue at the informal Council in Tampere.

The Commission delegation stated that the contracts financed by the Schengen facility that were being executed could still be funded. A possibility could exist for further financing by the Borders Fund.

The group approved the approach proposed in document SIRIS 157, including the proposal that the extension of the mandate of the Commission for the development of the SIS II should include also provisions making the Commission responsible for the technical integration of the new MS into the SIS II.

The group recommended that the October JHA Council should mandate the competent working groups to prepare the overall planning in order to allow the December JHA Council to have a comprehensive debate on the planning leading to the opening of the borders.

3. Management and coordination of the SIS II project

The group discussed the installation of a management and coordination task force suggested by the German delegation. The delegations agreed that such a task force would facilitate the overall project management. After discussion the group reached agreement on the functions and limitations of the task force, a list of problems that would be addressed by it and the responsibilities of the stakeholders. The Presidency would present a document on the task force to the October JHA Council.

4. Any other business

None

List of non- standard documents discussed during the meeting

RD 2006-09-07/01 German delegation : Proposal SIS II coordination task force

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