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Introductory Document for the “warm-up” discussion: European Home Affairs Policy – state of play and general challenges

Introductory presentations:

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On the basis of the introductory presentations, the Group’s discussion could be structured along the following essential challenges and questions:

STATUS QUO

- What is the scope of European Home Affairs policy, what matters are covered by the Treaties and the Constitutional Treaty?
- What is the *acquis*?
- What has been achieved so far, what are significant successes, setbacks, deficits or failures?

GENERAL CHALLENGES and QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

I. FRAME OF EUROPEAN HOME AFFAIRS

- Where do we want to be in 2014? What are the most relevant changes and challenges to be considered?
- Given the scope of primary EU law: In which areas will the need for common action increase, which topics seem to be less important, which further topics should be covered by European Home Affairs policy?

II. SIMPLIFICATION OF EUROPEAN HOME AFFAIRS

- How could existing and future European Home Affairs law be simplified in order to make it easier to understand?
- With regard to existing secondary law (First and Third Pillar), should we envisage to give impetus for the development of an all-embracing “European Home Affairs law” compilation for those policies where the *acquis* has been sufficiently developed?
- Are we satisfied with the efficiency of decision-making in European Home Affairs? Can we – again in full respect of the treaties – think of possibilities to structurally simplify or accelerate the process of decision-making in the relevant bodies?
- How can we better communicate the concrete advantages of European Home Affairs law to the citizen?

III. INNER BALANCE OF EUROPEAN HOME AFFAIRS

- How do we balance the three elements of freedom - mobility, security and privacy - in the future European Union of 2014?
- Which effects does global technological innovation have on the necessary balance?

IV. FINANCING EUROPEAN HOME AFFAIRS

- Would the development of general guidelines help to better decide whether operating expenditures should be charged or not to the budget of the European Communities (Art. 41 III TEU)?
- Is there a need for facilitating the access to financial means on EU level?