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NOTE

from : Presidency
to : Article 36 Committee

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Subject : Proposal for a Council Decision on the financing of certain activities carried out
 by Europol in connection with cooperation in the fight against terrorism

During meetings of the Article 36 Committee, the Terrorism Working Party and the Europol Management Board Member States have discussed the Commission proposal for a Council Decision on the financing of certain activities carried out by Europol in connection with cooperation in the fight against terrorism. The proposal is contained in document 11702/02 EUROPOL 60 JAI 182.

Against this background the Presidency proposes to request Coreper to agree on a note to be submitted to the Council as an A-point.

It is proposed that the note should read as follows:

“Several members of the Council considered the proposal for the creation of a legal base for allowing Community subsidies to Europol as an attempt to depart from the principle enshrined in the Europol Convention, that Europol’s budget shall be financed from Member States’ contributions, as distinct from a financing at the charge of the budget of the European Communities.

They felt that any modification of this principle would require a modification of Article 35 of the Europol Convention (or indeed of the Treaty on European Union).

Against this background, the Council were not in a position to agree on the Commission proposal for a Council Decision on the financing of certain activities carried out by Europol in connection with co-operation in the fight against terrorism.”
