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of : Strategic Committee on Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum/Mixed Committee
(UE-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)

on: 13 February 2012

Subject: **Summary of conclusions**

- 1. Roadmap to ensure a coherent EU response to increased migration pressures.**
 - Strategic discussion
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The Presidency outlined the approach it intended to follow for the purpose of the development of the Roadmap to ensure a coherent EU response to increased migration pressures and the Committee had a first exchange of views on the basis of the questions set out in doc. 6262/12.

Priorities identified by delegations included the situation at the EL/TU border and the need for continued implementation of the EL Action Plans. A number of delegations also stressed the need for progress on readmission in relation to Turkey as well as the need for a strengthened and broader dialogue with that country. The importance of return and readmission more generally was also emphasised by a number of delegations, including in the context of the COTONOU Agreement. Likewise the need to further develop dialogue with third countries on illegal immigration was raised. The necessity for early progress on a number of pre-existing legislative proposals, including

the amendment of Regulation 539/2001 and the Eurosur Regulation together with implementation of the existing acquis was raised. Other issues highlighted included document fraud, the role of liaison officers, and the potential impact of the smart borders package.

The Presidency, in conclusion, set out the following indicative timetable for consideration by working parties of those elements of the roadmap relevant to their areas of responsibility - Working Party on Migration, Integration and Expulsion on 12 March, High Level Working Party on 20/21 March, the Visa Working Party on 26 March and the Working Party on Frontiers on 3 April. The Presidency also indicated that SCIFA would also come back to the roadmap at the informal meeting on 28/29 March, following which work would be taken forward by JHA Counsellors with a view to the April Justice and Home Affairs Council.

2. Any Other Business

- VIS

In response to a question raised by SE, Cion explained that it had announced recently in Coreper that it was preparing to formally inform the Council on the application of the VIS Regulation for the purpose of the Council determining the date from which the VIS Decision shall take effect (Article 18(2) of Council Decision 2008/633/JHA concerning access for consultation of the VIS by designated authorities of the Member States and by Europol for the purposes of the prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offences and of other serious criminal offences).