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From: Trio of Presidencies (IT-LV-LU)
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)

Subject: Trio proposals on the organisation of the Council preparatory bodies (follow-up to the informal joint meeting of the EU Foreign and Home Affairs Ministers (Rome, 27 November 2014))

1. On 5 December 2014, the JHA Council asked Coreper to review the mandates and working methods of the Council preparatory bodies in order to better coordinate the work of home affairs and foreign relations working parties, taking into account the outcome of the discussion held by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Ministers of Interior on 27 November 2014 in Rome¹.
2. On 10 December 2014, the trio of Presidencies informed Coreper² that they would *work jointly in order to address existing overlaps and improve the efficiency of the decision making processes of SCIFA, High Level Working Group on Asylum and Migration (HLWG), CATS and JAIEX, especially concerning the interaction between external and internal dimensions of migration*. The aim is to achieve *more efficient and effective decision making processes by better designing respective mandates, and assessing the possibility to merge existing groups*.

¹ Doc. 16516/14

² DS 1610/14

3. After due consideration, the trio of Presidencies, in consultation with the future Dutch Presidency, proposes to Coreper the following:
- (1) to take note of the input of SCIFA³, CATS⁴ and HLWG⁵ to the evaluation to be undertaken by Coreper, which give useful insight into the working methods and added value of these preparatory bodies.
 - (2) to take note that the trio of Presidencies intends to organise the work of SCIFA and HLWG as follows:
 - meetings of SCIFA and HLWG will be held whenever possible back-to-back,
 - one joint meeting of SCIFA and HLWG will be held during each Presidency,
 - agendas of SCIFA and HLWG will be coordinated,
 - the Chair of SCIFA will attend the meetings of the HLWG and vice versa,
 - discussions in SCIFA and HLWG will be organized with a view to elaborate common strategic priorities on the basis of coherent inputs from relevant EU bodies, offices and agencies.
4. This practice will be evaluated and, if necessary, reviewed by the incoming Luxembourgish Presidency in autumn 2015. If appropriate, revision of the terms of reference of SCIFA, HLWG, JAIEX and CATS will be considered by Coreper at that stage.

³ Doc. 12996/1/14 REV 1

⁴ Doc. 15508/14

⁵ Doc. 16926/14