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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of : Strategic Committee on Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum

on: 13 February 2012

Subject: **Summary of conclusions**

1. Draft Council Conclusions on a framework for a genuine and practical solidarity
doc. 6245/12 ASIM 9 FRONT 16

The Presidency presented the Draft Council Conclusions and signalled that it intends to submit these Draft Conclusions to the Justice and Home Affairs Council on 8 March. The Committee had a first preliminary exchange of views in which delegations generally welcomed the approach proposed. The Presidency concluded by inviting delegations to submit their written comments by 16 February with a view to a meeting of JHA Counsellors on 23 February to take forward work on the Draft Conclusions.

2. External Relations

- Readmission Agreements
State of play and way ahead with reference to key third countries.

The Commission reported on the state of play in relation to readmission and Pakistan, Morocco, Cape Verde, and Turkey. The Commission reported in particular on the latest developments insofar as Turkey was concerned. The importance of making progress with Turkey in the matter of readmission was highlighted by a number of delegations who also emphasised the sensitivities

involved in any linkage with visa liberalisation. The Presidency concluded by indicating that it intended to reflect, together with the Commission, on how best to achieve progress on readmission in the case of Turkey and to come back to SCIFA in the matter with some concrete suggestions for this purpose.

4. Common European Asylum System

- Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection status (Recast)
docs 6267/12 ASILE 20 CODEC 314
6410/12 ASILE 25 CODEC 358

The Committee had an exchange of views on the draft compromise proposals set out in doc. 6726/12 in conjunction with a revised Presidency compromise proposal for the purpose of Article 6 set out in DS 1102/12.

The Presidency concluded that Article 6 would be further considered by the working party on the basis of the most recent compromise proposal and that the Strategic Committee would further consider the compromise proposals regarding Articles 25 and 31 at a future meeting.

5. Any Other Business

- Pending cases and developments in the case law of the Court of Justice/European Court of Human Rights

CZ drew the attention of delegations to the request for a preliminary ruling made in the Arlan case (C-534/11) which has reference to the detention provisions of the Return Directive and its relationship to the Reception Conditions Directive and which is subject to an accelerated procedure.

BE asked delegations for information regarding court decisions suspending transfers under the Dublin Regulation to Member States other than Greece due to the general asylum situation in those countries. DE, AT, DK, NL, FI and IT reported cases of suspensions in individual cases while some also emphasised that this was not the result of identified systemic shortcomings in the Member States concerned. The Commission suggested circulation of information under the mutual information mechanism established by Council Decision 2006/688/EC.

- Information from the Commission on meeting on 6 March 2012 in the High Level Coordination Meeting of the General Task Force Greece of the Commission

The Commission reported on a mission to Greece beginning on 14 February as well as the intention of the Commission's General Task Force Greece to discuss asylum and migration issues at its meeting on 6 March 2012. The Commission would also report on the outcome of the mission and related developments to the Justice and Home Affairs Council in March.
