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**Subject : Draft EU-Palestinian Authority Security Cooperation**

1. Following proposals from the EU Special Envoy for the Middle East Peace Process, the Presidency distributed on 5 March 1998 a draft text on the establishment of security cooperation between the EU and the Palestinian Authority (PA). The text was discussed by the "ad hoc Group on the Middle East Peace Process" on 11 March 1998.

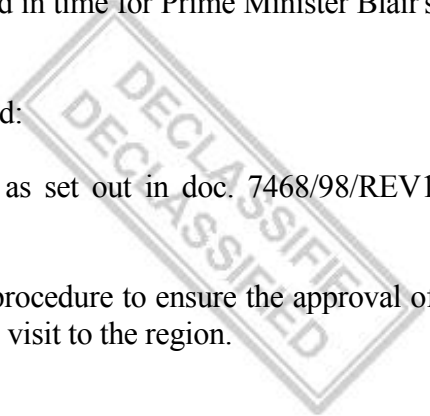
The purpose of increased security cooperation with the PA is to facilitate the implementation of Israeli-Palestinian agreements by helping the PA to carry out its security cooperation commitments as well as to promote security cooperation generally.

To this effect, the text provides for the setting up of a Permanent Security Committee with participation by PA and EU representatives.

The increased security cooperation with the PA would also allow the Union to assess the extent of the PA's discharge of its security obligations.

2. A revised draft text was circulated on 27 March 1998 and was generally approved by the Political Committee on 30 March 1998 (Coreu SEC 446/98, point 2). The "ad hoc Group on the Middle East Peace Process" reviewed the draft text on 1 April.

3. The "CFSP Counsellors" Group examined the text on 6 April 1998 and agreed unanimously to the draft text set out in doc 7468/98/1, subject to a Parliamentary scrutiny reserve by Denmark.
4. The Presidency intends to have the text approved in time for Prime Minister Blair's visit to the region on 17-21 April 1998.
5. Against this background, the Committee is invited:
  - to confirm agreement on the draft text as set out in doc. 7468/98/REV1 PESC 78 COMEP 4;
  - to agree to the utilisation of the written procedure to ensure the approval of the text in time for Prime Minister Blair's visit to the region.



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