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1. At the meeting of 10 July 2013, the Chair of COREPER concluded that:

- there was a broad support for the Commission proposal for an EU-US working group

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- the mandate for this group needed to be further clarified in preparation of the COREPER meeting of 18 July 2013.

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3. Member States were invited to send in nominations for Member state experts (4 in the area of data protection and 4 in the area of law enforcement) by 12 July COB that would participate in this Working Group. The Commission submitted the profile of experts sought set out in Annex II. In addition to the requirements set out in this profile, it would seem that appropriate security clearances should also be a requirement.
4. At the JHA Counsellors meeting of 15 July 2013 the draft mandate of this Working Group, of which the Presidency sets out a draft in Annex I, will be discussed.
5. The selection of experts will take place at Antici level.

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Profile of Member States Experts

Member States are invited to nominate, by Friday 12 July 2013, six to eight high level experts to participate in this group.

A high level of expertise in the field of data protection or other relevant areas of justice and home affairs is required. This should include proven practical experience in managing, implementing, enforcing or supervising activities involving the collection and processing of personal data.

In order to ensure a balanced representation, half of these experts should be drawn from the data protection field and the other half from other relevant security and home affaires issues.

Experts are expected to actively participate in the meetings and be able to intervene on complex legal and factual matters. Experience of working in an international environment, as well as fluency in English are essential.