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From : the Presidency  
To : Coreper (2nd part)  
Subject : EU communication priority for 2009 - "20th Anniversary of the democratic  
change in the Central and Eastern European Countries"  
- draft Council conclusions

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Delegations will find attached a revised version of the abovementioned draft Council conclusions prepared by the Presidency.

The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council, at its next meeting, record its agreement to the draft Council conclusions annexed to this document, as an "A" item.

**DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS**  
**on**  
**"European Conscience and Totalitarianism"**

The Council shares the European Parliament's view expressed on "European Conscience and Totalitarianism" that, in order to strengthen European awareness of crimes committed by totalitarian regimes, the memory of Europe's troubled past must be preserved, as reconciliation would be difficult without remembrance.

The Council recognizes the efforts made in this field by Member States and by the European Commission and welcomes the European Parliament's call for the establishment of a "Platform of European Memory and Conscience" that would provide support for networking and cooperation among national bodies related to the examination and remembrance of totalitarian regimes.

In order to speed up progress in this field, the Council invites the European Commission to make full use of all existing related financial instruments, inter alia the "Europe for Citizens" programme.

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