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NOTE

From: Secretariat
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Delegations will find below Presidency conclusions from the fifth meeting of the 'Sanctions' formation of the Foreign Relations Counsellors Working party (RELEX/Sanctions), held on 15 September 2004.

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Presidency Conclusions

EU-UN: Possibilities for improving coordination mechanisms

1. A first discussion on possibilities for improving co-ordination between bodies concerned in Bruxelles and New York regarding implementation aspects of restrictive measures (sanctions) took place. An introduction was given by **DELETED**.
2. There was general agreement on the importance of enhanced coordination between the UN and the EU notably to seek to ensure that UN Security Council Resolutions on sanctions better meet requirements of EU legislation. Modalities were mentioned to improve this coordination, such as improving possibilities for experts in member states and within the institutions to give ad hoc *technical* comments during the drafting process, highlighting issues in Article 19 Coordination meetings, bringing issues to the attention of the Monitoring Team under the 1267 Sanctions Committee (e.g. in troika format), common reporting to relevant UN Committees, or by activities within the framework of the joint EU-UN Declaration on Cooperation in Crisis Management.
3. There was agreement on the importance of sensibilising other Council bodies (notably CONUN and PSC) with regard to this issue.
4. Member States reacted positively to the proposal of an EU Workshop in New York to present the EU Guidelines on the Implementation of Sanctions, firstly to the EU representations in New York and secondly to the Chairmen of the relevant EU committees and the UN Secretariat.
5. The RELEX/Sanctions Formation will revert to this issue at its next meeting on the basis of elements for a discussion/options paper to be prepared by the Presidency. That paper could be used as input for a Workshop.

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Best Practice Document

1. A first discussion on the Presidency proposal for an EU Best Practices document on a effective implementation of restrictive measures targeting terrorist persons, groups or entities took place. There was agreement, in principle, on the usefulness of seeking to identify best practices in this area and of setting them out in such a document. Member States provided comments. It was noted that the new Member States do not have FATF membership.
2. The RELEX/Sanctions Formation will revert to a revised version of the document at its next meeting to explore the issue further.

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3. The RELEX/Sanctions Formation possibly will revert to the issue in the context of best practices.

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Use of the common electronic information systems. for the implementation of EU restrictive measures on admission

1. The RELEX/Sanctions Formation discussed the issue of using existing or future common electronic information systems for the implementation of EU restrictive measures on admission based on a Secretariat document. Common electronic information systems are not yet used for this purpose, due to legal and technical problems to which some delegation explicitly pointed in the discussion. The Formation agreed that a consistent use of these systems, if possible, could enhance the effectiveness and transparency of the implementation of EU restrictive measures on admission as contained in EU Common Positions.
2. The RELEX/Sanctions formation supported the Presidency's intention to bring the issue to the attention of COREPER and to recommend to COREPER to invite the competent Council bodies and the Commission to further study the issue.

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