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from :	Presidency
Subject :	Additional measures to combat terrorism – proposals by the German delegation

Delegations will find below the proposals for additional measures to combat terrorism which were made by the Minister, Mr Schily, at the Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 27 and 28 September 2001 and reiterated by the Permanent Representative, Mr Schönfelder, in Coreper on 15 October 2001. These measures will be examined, possibly on the basis of a Commission proposal, by the competent Council bodies.

German delegation proposal for a Council statement:

The Council urges the Commission to submit proposals on the following matters in implementation of the conclusions of the special Council meeting on 20 September 2001:

- use for police purposes of the data to be recorded in future in the centralised Eurodac database;
- use of information from the visa consultation procedure by security authorities and establishment of a uniform list of States for which consultation is obligatory;
- establishment of common visa data records and of a European central register of third-country nationals present within the territory of the Union;
- introduction of new methods of proving identity and identification, e.g. the ultra-secure technique of image integration and inclusion of fingerprints in visa stickers and residence permits.

In addition, the Council recommends that each Member State should maintain centralised population registers and centralised registers storing data on third-country nationals present within the territory of the Union.

Furthermore, the Council instructs the Article 36 Committee to submit immediate proposals on:

- interconnection of data by making on-line access authorisation to the databases of the SIS
 available to Europol, national public prosecutor's offices, immigration and asylum authorities;
- enabling Europe-wide computerised profile searches to be conducted.