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NOTE

from :	General Secretariat of the Council
to :	Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
Subject :	Summary of discussions of the Technical Committee of EU/LAC Mechanism on Drugs (Brussels, 14 November 2007)

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee adopted the agenda that is in document 3754/07.

2. Follow-up to the High Level Meeting in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 22-23 May 2007

The representative of the Commission presented the information note of the services of his Institution on the European Community's main budget instruments and programmes against drugs.

The Bolivian co-chair on behalf of the LAC partners promised to forward as soon as possible suggestions for activities pursuant to the Declaration of Port of Spain (doc. 10541/07 CORDROGUE 34 COLAT 9 AMLAT 54).

The representative of the Commission presented in more detail the new stability instrument. He said that at this moment there is a need for input on ideas. There is a preference for ideas/projects that are multidimensional and transregional.

Once ideas are launched, experts have a look at them and the Joint Research Centre is involved.

On request of the LAC side the representative of the Commission promised to draw up a succinct document for the next meeting that could guide interested countries in presenting ideas/projects including time frames.

3. Exchange of information between the EU and LAC in international for a

- a) Discussion focused on the forthcoming 51th session of the CND and the UNGASS assessment. Both sides informed each other on the present state of preparation in their groups on CND/UNGASS. It was agreed that preparatory notes will be exchanged notably in view of a EU/GRULAG coordination meeting in the next weeks in Vienna and that all relevant information will be exchanged in Brussels and Vienna.
- b) In the run-up to the EU/LAC Summit in Lima in spring 2008 it was agreed that three representatives from both sides as well as the Council Secretariat and the Commission will prepare draft paragraphs to be included in the Summit Declaration. The draft texts will be presented to forthcoming meetings of the Technical Committee and to the High Level Meeting in March 2008 in Vienna.

4. Draft annual report May 2006-May 2007 of the EU/LAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs (doc. 12575/07 CORDROGUE 59 AMLAT 76 COLAT 14)

It was agreed that a drafting group from EU and LAC side will draw up a report in the next weeks covering the period May 2006-February 2008. This report will be presented to the High Level Meeting in Vienna.

5. Any other business

- a) The representative of the Commission invited Caribbean partners as well as the EU Member States to give more information on the actual state of play of the San José Treaty on maritime cooperation.

- b)** The incoming Slovenian EU Presidency announced that Technical Committee meetings are foreseen for 25 January and 28 February 2008.

The High Level meeting will take place on 4 and 5 March 2008 in Vienna.
