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From:	Presidency
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Proposal for a Directive on combating sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child sexual abuse material (recast) – Presidency's note

Question to delegations regarding Article 3:

Given the seriousness of the offence in 3(7) and the fact that the maximum threshold should be applicable for the limitation periods, delegations are invited to indicate whether they could accept:

(a) to increase the penalty levels to 10 years for this offence, OR

(b) to keep 8 years, but expressly include this offence in the scope of article 16a(2)(c).