



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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COAFR 45**

"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from :	Secretariat
to :	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject :	Draft Common Position amending and extending Common Position 2001/357/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Liberia

1. On 7 May 2001 the Council adopted Common Position 2001/357/CFSP¹ concerning restrictive measures against Liberia so as to implement Resolution 1343(2001) setting out measures to be imposed against Liberia, adopted on 7 March 2001 by the United Nations Security Council.
2. On 7 May 2002 the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 1408(2002) whereby the measures imposed against Liberia by Resolution 1343(2001) are amended and extended until 7 May 2003.
3. At its meeting on 3 June 2002, the Working Party of Foreign Relations Counsellors reached agreement on a draft Common Position amending and extending Common Position 2001/357/CFSP until 7 May 2003.

The Belgian delegation entered a statement set out at Annex.

¹ OJ L 126, 8.5.2001, p. 1.

4. The Committee is accordingly invited to:

- confirm the agreement on the draft Council Common Position;
 - recommend that the Council:
 - = adopt as an "A" item the Common Position concerning restrictive measures against Liberia which, after finalisation by Legal/Linguistic Experts, is set out in doc 9467/02 PESC 207 COAFR 46;
 - = agree to publish the Common Position in the Official Journal.
 - = enter in its minutes the statement of the Belgian delegation set out at Annex.
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Statement by the Belgian delegation

"Belgium urges that the certificate-of-origin scheme to be established by Liberia under paragraphs 7 and 8 of UN Security Council Resolution 1408(2002) should effectively ensure that conflict diamonds cannot enter the Community market.

Belgium will make certain that the amended Regulation to be adopted once Liberia has fulfilled paragraphs 7 and 8 of Regulation 1408(2002) is consistent with the rough-diamond certification system to be established under the Kimberley process and its Community implementation and would point out how important the credibility of that system is to Belgium."

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