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from : General Secretariat

to : COREPER/Council

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Subject : Council Decision amending the Council Decision of 27 March 2000 authorising the Director of Europol to enter into negotiations on agreements with third States and non EU-related bodies

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1. Recently the Europol Management Board concluded that an effective fight against organised crime requires that the Director of Europol should be authorised to enter into negotiations on agreements with Australia.
2. Negotiations between Europol and Australia require that Australia is added to the list of third States as contained in Article 2(1) of the Council Decision of 27 March 2000 authorising the Director of Europol to enter into negotiations on agreements with third States and non-EU-related bodies. <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 106 of 13.4.2000, p. 1.

3. At its meeting of 7/8 October 2004 the Article 36 Committee agreed on a draft Council decision aimed at amending the Council Decision of 27 March 2000 with a view of authorising the Director of Europol to enter into negotiations with Australia. The draft Council decision is contained in document 14188/04 EUROPOL 51 and has undergone the appropriate Jurist-Linguist screening.
  
  4. On this basis COREPER is requested to invite Council to adopt the Council decision amending the Council Decision of 27 March 2000 authorising the Director of Europol to enter into negotiations on agreements with third States and non-EU related bodies as contained in document 14188/04 EUROPOL 51 and to order its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.
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