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From: General Secretariat
To: COREPER/Council

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Subject: Working Arrangement between the European Police College (CEPOL) and the Academy of Management of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation

1. Article 8 (3) third paragraph of Council Decision 2005/681/JHA of 20 September 2005 establishing the European Police College (CEPOL) and repealing Decision 2000/820/JHA¹, reads:

"Cooperation agreements with bodies of non-Member States of the European Union can only be concluded after the approval of the Council has been obtained".

2. CEPOL's Governing Board endorsed the text of the Working Arrangement between the European Police College (CEPOL) and the Academy of Management of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation on 14 November 2012.

¹ OJ L 256, 1.10.2005, p. 63.

3. CEPOL submitted the text of the aforementioned draft Working Arrangement for the approval of the Council on 18 December 2012 as set out in document 18004/12 ENFOPOL 428.
 4. The Law Enforcement Working Party discussed the draft Working Agreement on 22 May and agreed to submit it to Coreper and the Council.
 5. The UK issued the declaration set in the ANNEX, to be included in the minutes of the Council approving the Working Arrangement.
 6. On this basis COREPER is requested to invite the Council to approve the draft Working Arrangement contained in the annex in order to allow CEPOL to conclude this Arrangement.
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Declaration by the UK on the Working Arrangement between the European Police College (CEPOL) and the Academy of Management of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation

The UK is unable to support this agreement. While the UK recognises the importance of cooperation and sharing best practice with third countries, it has concerns about engagement with some parts of the Russian security infrastructure.

The agreement creates particular difficulties for UK as the host Member State for CEPOL because of the likely need to facilitate training courses that may be attended by Russian security personnel.

The UK would not be able to guarantee visas for Russian officials and security personnel seeking to attend CEPOL courses in the UK.
