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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

from:	General Secretariat of the Council
to:	Delegations
Subject:	Outcome of proceedings of the Working Party on Information on 14 June 2013

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda set out in document CM 3211/13 was adopted.

2. European Integration Database

Mr Dieter SCHLENKER, director of the Historical Archives of the European Union at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence presented the working of his institution and in particular the "European Integration Database", a website hosted by the Historical Archives and one of the projects of the European Union Diplomatic Archives group.

Historical research in the field of European cooperation and integration is no longer restricted to the consultation of archives of a single Member state and the European Integration Database functions as a guide providing summary details of the various collections concerning the process of European cooperation and integration from 1945 to 1973, held by the archives of 11 Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Member States and most EU Institutions

3. "Blue Guide" (Practical guide to the Archives of EU ministries of Foreign Affairs and EU institutions)¹

The General Secretariat presented the "Blue Guide", which results from a joint effort of the Group of Archivists of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Member States and the Institutions of the European Union (EUDIA) and is meant to be a practical instrument for researchers. The guide gives in summary form details of the location and availability of archived files and documents, and the structure of the so-called diplomatic archives. It makes it possible for researchers to plan their research and to make best use of the sources available.

The electronic version of the Guide is hosted by the Council and was recently updated with new contributions from 17 Member States and two EU Institutions. Although currently already 25 Member States cooperate in the project, the objective is to have all Member States and EU institutions and bodies participating. Also, in order to improve the electronic version of the Blue guide, it would be useful to examine some other aspects, such as the languages in which it is published, its content, format and publication forms

4. Confirmatory application (No 12/c/03/13)

The General Secretariat outlined the background to this request concerning access to démarches on the subject of human rights made to several third countries in Central Asia and Caucasus between 2008 and 2011.

¹ <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/documents/archives/blue-guide>

The Working Party agreed to the draft reply (doc 9440/13), which recommends to refuse access to the documents pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation No 1049/2001 (protection of public interest as regards public security) and Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation No 1049/2001 (protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual).

The draft reply was due to be submitted to Coreper on 19 June and to the Council on 21 June 2013.

5. Any other business

- **Recast of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents
= Information by the Presidency on the state of play**

The Irish Presidency informed the Working Party on developments and recent informal contacts it has had with the European Parliament concerning this dossier. It also drew attention to the European Parliament's "Joint motion for a Resolution on the deadlock on the revision of regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 (2013/2637(RSP))".

The incoming Lithuanian Presidency indicated that it intended to continue the informal contacts with the European Parliament and would report back to the Working Party at one of its next meetings.
