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NOTE

from: Presidency

to: Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) / Mixed Committee
(EU/Iceland, Norway and Switzerland, Liechtenstein)

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Subject: Biannual assessment of the SIRCOP (SIRENE Contact Persons) network
- Second half-year 2011

1. At its meeting in October 2010, the Heads of SIRENE considered that, when justified by the particular sensitive nature of a case and when the standard procedures prove not to be sufficient, additional contact between the SIRENE Bureaux should be established, namely by means of certain persons who should be available.
2. At its meeting on 26 November 2010, the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) examined this issue and on 21 December 2010 it agreed to draw up a specific list of SIRENE Contact Persons and related procedures.
3. On 20 January 2011, COREPER took note of the setting up of SIRCOP.
4. It was also agreed that a biannual assessment would be carried out by the Presidency on the basis of the information provided by the delegations.

5. In this context, and taking into account 18210/10 SIRIS 183 ENFOPOL 377 COMIX 841, 18 delegations have sent contributions to the assessment regarding the second half-year of 2011. One of them (UK) do not have yet the SIS operational.

6. **The majority of the requests were completely (22) or partially (4) successfully accomplished. SIRCOP proves to be particularly effective in de-blocking files and resolving sensitive files (see table below).**

	successful	partially successful	unsuccessful	not yet known
blocked file	¹² (3 CZ, 1 DK, 1 IT, 1 PL, 2 RO, 1 SE, 1 SI, 2 SK)	¹ (1 DK)	³ (1 CZ, 1 DK, 1 PL)	¹ (1 BE)
sensitive file	⁵ (1 CZ, 1 DE, 2 RO, 1 SI)	² (1 CZ, 1 FR)		¹ (1 CZ)
complaint	¹ (1 RO)	¹ (1 NL)	¹ (FR)	
congratulations				
suggestions	⁴ (1 BE, 2 RO, 1 SI)			³ (2 DK, 1 RO)
request for information				
