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"I" ITEM NOTE

From : General Secretariat of the Council
To : COREPER
Subject : Common approach on the use of political clauses

1. COREPER at its meeting on 18 December 2008 had a first exchange of views on the inclusion of political clauses in agreements with third states¹ and agreed to further examine the use of political clauses.

¹ The discussion took place on the basis of a Note from Presidency to Delegations: "Clauses de nature politique dans les accords conclus avec les pays tiers" (doc. 17370/08 of 16 December 2008).

2. On request of COREPER, the Commission and the General Secretariat of the Council presented a joint "Reflection paper on Political Clauses in agreements with third countries"² taking into account the discussion in COREPER as well as comments by Member States.
3. On the basis of this paper the Antici Group continued discussions at its meeting on 3 March 2009.
4. As a result of these discussions as well as on the basis of further comments by Member States Presidency prepared a document on the use of political clauses that was discussed in the Antici Group at its meetings on 24 April and 19 May 2009.
5. The Antici Group agreed on a common approach on the use of political clauses as set out in the Annex.
6. COREPER is invited:
 - to confirm agreement on the common approach as set out in the ANNEX.

² Note from the Commission and the General Secretariat of the Council to Delegations: "Reflection paper on Political Clauses in agreements with third countries" (doc. 7008/09 of 27 February 2009 + COR 1 of 29 May 2009).

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