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Subject: Draft Council conclusions on fight against impunity for the crime of
genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes within the European
Union and its Member States

1. The "Genocide Network Strategy"¹, adopted by the European network of contact points in respect of persons responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes (the "Genocide Network") in October 2014, identifies concrete measures and recommendations to support existing efforts and foster additional support in the fight against core international crimes.

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2. Draft Council conclusions on fight against impunity for the crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes within the European Union and its Member States, as set out in the Annex to doc. 15584/14, were presented by the Presidency and initially discussed at the meeting of the Working Party on General Matters, including Evaluations (GENVAL) on 21 November 2014. The "Genocide Network Strategy" is annexed to these draft Council conclusions.
3. The GENVAL Working Party, at its meeting on 29 April 2015, expressed general support for a revised version of the draft Council conclusions, as set out in the Annex to doc. 15584/1/14 REV 1, subject to some changes to the text proposed by a number of delegations and the inclusion of a reference in a footnote to the UK opt-out from Council Decisions [2002/494/JHA](#) and [2003/335/JHA](#).
4. The Presidency has accordingly further revised the text of the draft Council conclusions, as set out in the Annex to doc. 15584/2/14 REV 2, that was agreed by GENVAL delegations by written consultation on 20 May 2015.
5. In view of the above, Coreper is invited to confirm this agreement and to submit the draft Council conclusions, as set out in the Annex to doc. 15584/2/14 REV 2, to the Council, for adoption under part "A" of the agenda of its meeting on 15-16 June 2015.
