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Afghanistan

-   Visit of Troika Regional Directors to Islamabad and Kabul

1. The Commission briefed on the visit. It underlined that EU co-ordination was working well on the ground in Kabul. It emphasised the importance of the dollarisation issue. The UK suggested that, should the Interim Administration make a new statement of its anti-narcotic policy, the EU should speak out in support.

-   Exchange of information between the Commission and Member States on on-going co-operation activities

2. The Commission undertook to provide a model matrix for information exchange, which could be considered by the group on 27 March. If approved, information could be provided to the Commission before Easter.

-   The Trust Fund for Afghan reconstruction

3. The Group noted the comments that had been conveyed to the World Bank concerning its proposal. The Presidency's Governor would inform the Bank that it assumed that all the EU's comments would be reflected.

-   Operational conclusions

4. The Group discussed the Presidency's revised draft operational conclusions on Afghanistan. The Presidency agreed to provide a further revised draft in the light of the comments made. It undertook to provide draft GAC conclusions in due course. They would be of a different character.