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1. In the Joint Action of 29 June 1998 (PB L 191/8 of 7.7.98) the Council established a mechanism for collective evaluation of the enactment, application and effective implementation by the applicant countries of the acquis of the European Union in the field of Justice and Home Affairs. Article 4, paragraph 1, of the Joint Action calls for the drawing up of evaluation reports on the progress and results of their alignment to the acquis.
2. Up to date the Council has taken note of a first series of country reports on all candidates, the report on Latvia before you today constituting an updated, revised version. Following the Council's decision that these reports should be used in the framework of the enlargement process, this was successfully done during the discussions establishing the common EU negotiating positions in 2000-2001 and during the recent final rounds of discussions thereon.

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3. At its meeting on 6 December 2002, the Collective Evaluation Working Group reached agreement on the Revised Country Report on Latvia (document 11976/3/02 EVAL 35 ELARG 264 REV 3 RESTREINT).

4. On this basis COREPER is requested to invite Council to take note of the Revised Country Report on Latvia (document 11976/3/02 EVAL 35 ELARG 264 REV 3 RESTREINT) with a view to it being used also, and notably, in the framework of the enlargement process.

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