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NOTE

from :	the (incoming Swedish) Presidency
to :	Delegations
Subject :	UN Convention against Corruption - Draft Position on Technical Assistance

At the meeting of the Multidisciplinary Group (MDG) on Organised Crime on 8 July 2009, delegations will examine the enclosed draft Position on Technical Assistance, which in its final version will be upheld by Member States at the Third Conference of the States Parties of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (Doha, Qatar, 9- 13 November 2009).

The Presidency has decided to request the CODEV Working Party to examine the draft Position with a view to providing the MDG with possible input from experts on development cooperation policies. In order to prepare the MDG meeting on 8 July 2009, delegations to the CODEV Working Party are therefore invited to forward any comments they may wish, to the respective national representatives for the MDG.

**DRAFT POSITION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND OF THE
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES,
MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL**

of xx October 2009

on the United Nations Convention against Corruption

- Technical Assistance

**(Preparation of the 3rd Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption
(Doha, Qatar, 9 – 13 November 2009))**

The CoSP agreed at its first session to establish an intergovernmental working group on technical assistance. At its second session the CoSP inter alia requested national, regional and international donors to continue their coordination efforts as agreed in the Paris Declaration of Aid Effectiveness and requested the working group to continue its work.

The Member States and the European Community shall support State Parties in their effective implementation of the Convention by identifying effective methods for providing technical assistance in line with the principles laid down in the 2005 Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and the 2008 Accra Agenda for Action.

The Member States and the European Community shall endeavour to ensure that resources are available for State Parties requiring technical assistance in order to implement the Convention in an effective manner. The reviews, including self-assessment checklists and country visits where needed, are important vehicles in the identification of technical assistance needs.

The Member States and the European Community shall strive to coordinate technical assistance through existing channels and between all parties involved in order to avoid overlaps and misuse of resources.

The Council will adopt further positions on this matter, as appropriate.