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NOTE

from : Presidency
to : Article 36 Committee/COREPER/Council

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Delegations will find attached the draft EU position on Technical Assistance in view of the 3rd Conference of the States Parties (CoSP) to the UN Convention against Corruption.

The draft was discussed in the Multidisciplinary Group on Organised Crime (MDG) on 8 July 2009 and on 25 September 2009. At the latter meeting a consensus on the text contained in the Annex was reached.

The draft position has been considered in the EU coordination meetings held in Vienna, convened on the occasion of the experts' meetings of the Working groups established by the CoSP in the intersessional Conference period.

The Presidency has also invited 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.

The Article 36 Committee is requested to confirm the consensus on the draft position set out in the Annex and to forward it to COREPER/Council.

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ANNEX

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 work¹.

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 and the representatives of the governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, will adopt further positions on this matter, as appropriate.

¹ In preparation of the Second Session of the CoSP (Nusa Dua, Indonesia, 28 January - 1 February 2008) and in order to provide for a coordinated EU approach on the issue, the Council adopted Position on Technical Assistance (doc. 5359/08 CRIMORG10 DEVGEN 8 RESTREINT UE).