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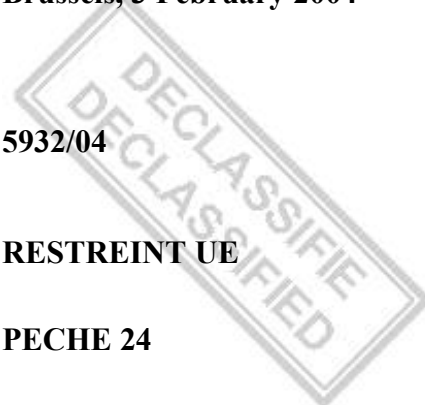
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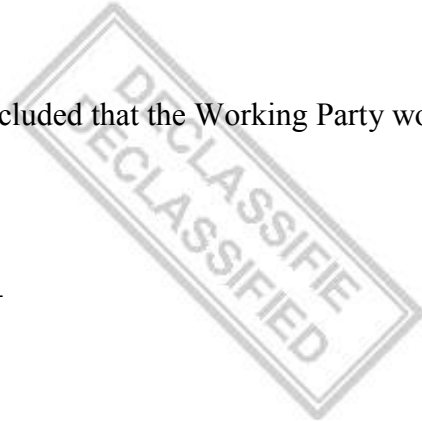
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1. The Commission representative recalled that the Working Party on 2 October 2003 had finalised the technical discussions on the draft negotiation mandate. He explained that their services had requested this item to be placed on the agenda to hear from the delegations of Germany and France if these delegations would now be able to lift their general reservations on political grounds.
2. The German delegation stated that this issue remains very sensitive and that for the time being it is clear that the general reservation cannot be lifted until the political issues have been settled; however, he remained confident that a settlement would be found with an extra effort from the Libyan side and thanked the Italian Presidency for their previous handling of this file.

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3. The French delegation informed the Working Party that, on 9 January this year, a satisfactory settlement had been reached on the issue of compensating the families of the victims of the UTA-plane bombing; he stressed, however, that although France is interested in a fisheries agreement with Libya, France cannot lift her general reservation until Germany will also be in a position to do so.
  
4. The Presidency took note of these comments and concluded that the Working Party would revert to this issue when the time is ripe.



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