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from : General Secretariat  
to : Horizontal Working Party on Drugs

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Subject : Meeting of Technical Committee of Cooperation/Coordination Mechanism on  
Drugs EU/Latin America/Caribbean (19 April 2005)  
Preparation of High Level Dialogue on Drugs between the European Union and  
the Andean Community, Lima, 30 May - 1 June 2005

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**I. Meeting of the cooperation/coordination mechanism between the EU and the Latin  
American and Caribbean countries (2-3 June 2005)**

The aforementioned Technical Committee met on 19 April 2005 under the co-chairs of Mr  
Mischo (LU Presidency) and Ambassador Mr Chuquihuara (Peru).

**1. Adoption of the agenda**

The committee adopted the agenda set out in the document CM 1325/05.

## **2. Draft agenda**

The Committee held an extensive exchange of view on the draft agenda of the aforementioned High Level meeting that was presented by the Peruvian co-chair. On EU side the Presidency, the Commission, the EMCDDA and UK stressed that they wished to concentrate more on trafficking of cocaine and intelligence sharing under the thematic debate on Supply Reduction. The whole meeting should start with an overview of the state of play on drugs in both EU and LAC countries. The second thematic debate could be divided into two parts, one dealing with demand reduction and the other with the question of drug-related risks (HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C). The remaining part of the meeting could then deal with follow-up to the previous meeting in Dublin and future initiatives within the Mechanism.

The EU will discuss the draft agenda internally and come up with amendments or a new text for the next meeting of the Technical Committee on 12 May 2005.

## **3. Draft declaration of the VIIIth high level meeting between the European Union and the Latin American and Caribbean countries**

The Peruvian representative presented the first draft declaration. The EU side welcomed the proposal and stressed that it should be action-oriented. Written comments will be sent to the Peruvian side before the meeting on 12 May 2005.

## **4. Any other business.**

- a) Both EU and LAC partners agreed that countries taking part at the meeting should be appropriately represented. The presence of political representatives or senior officials from the capitals would be highly appreciated.

The logistical arrangements for the meeting (hotels and other practical information) will be forwarded to EU side as soon as possible.

- b) The representative of the Commission informed on the state of preparation of the meeting of the EU and LAC monitoring centres and presented the draft agenda. The new version will be presented for approval at the next Technical Committee meeting on 12 May 2005.

## **II. High Level Dialogue on Drugs between the European Union and the Andean Community, Lima, 30 May - 1 June 2005**

The EU and Andean partners discussed topics for discussion during the High Level Dialogue. It was agreed that the meeting should be divided into two parts - a political dialogue (presentation of regional strategies against drugs and exchange of ideas on ways to strengthen joint efforts) and specific cooperation between EU and Andean countries. This part should focus mostly on alternative development issues. The item relating to precursors could also be addressed during the meeting at a more political level, as the meeting on precursors scheduled for 30 May will be rather technical. The parties agreed that the draft agenda would be prepared by the EU side and forwarded for comments before the meeting on 12 May 2005.

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