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Subject :	Draft Council Conclusions on the Commission Communication "Delivering an area of freedom, security and justice for Europe's citizens - Action Plan Implementing the Stockholm Programme" (COM (2010) 171 final)

1. On 20 April 2010 the Commission published its Communication "Delivering an area of freedom, security and justice for Europe's citizens - Action Plan Implementing the Stockholm Programme" (COM (2010) 171 final). The Communication was further presented to the JHA Council at its meeting on 23 April 2010.
2. CATS and SCIFA held a first exchange of views regarding the Commission proposal on 27-28 April 2010. At a subsequent meeting of Counsellors, it was agreed that the Council would adopt Conclusions on the Commission Communication.

3. The Draft Council Conclusions were discussed by JHA Counsellors on 6 May 2010. A general agreement on the text, reflecting the observations of the delegations and the written comments on the proposal submitted afterwards, as set out in doc 9935/10 has been reached. The Commission has submitted a declaration which is in the Annex to this note.

4. *In view of the above, the Council is invited to adopt the Draft Council Conclusions on the Commission Communication. "Delivering an area of freedom, security and justice for Europe's citizens - Action Plan Implementing the Stockholm Programme" (COM (2010) 171 final), as contained in doc 9935/10 and to take note of the Commission's declaration.*

Declaration of the European Commission

The European Commission

- Emphasizes that the Stockholm Action Plan as adopted by the Commission is in line with the objectives and the spirit set out in the Stockholm Programme and with the Resolution of the European Parliament of 25 November 2009,
- Reiterates that the Action Plan aims at delivering the political objectives set out by the European Council in the Stockholm Programme and responding to citizen's expectations and European Parliament priorities,
- Reaffirms its readiness to table proposals as it sees necessary and appropriate, while continuing to take into account the concerns of the European Parliament and the Council.
