Subject: 2299th meeting of the Council (Justice, Home Affairs and Civil Protection), held in Luxembourg on 17 October 2000

1 Information relating to the final adoption of Council acts which may be released to the public is contained in Addendum 1 to these minutes.
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1. Adoption of the agenda  
12277/00 OJ/CONS 60 JAI 114

The agenda as set out in 12277/00 OJ/CONS 60 JAI 114 was adopted with the addition of the following three items under item 7 (Other business):

– Meeting of Chief Police Officers (United Kingdom)
– Report from the OLAF Supervisory Committee (Italy)
– Council statement concerning the murder of Dr Antonio Muñoz Carriñanos.

2. Approval of the list of "A" items  
12278/00 PTS A 53

The list of "A" items as set out in 12278/00 PTS A 53 was approved with the exception of item 6, which was withdrawn.

Information relating to item 5 on the list is set out in Addendum 1 to these minutes.

The list of documents referred to under item 4 should read as follows:

11126/00 ENFOCUSTOM 39  
9630/2/00 ENFOCUSTOM 30 REV 2  
+ COR 1  
+ COR 2 (fi)

3. Draft Framework Decision on money laundering, the identification, tracing, freezing, seizing and confiscation of instrumentalities and the proceeds of crime  
12281/00 DROIPEN 47

The outcome of proceedings is set out in 14405/00 DROIPEN 61.

4. Draft Convention on improving mutual assistance in criminal matters, with particular reference to the fight against organised crime, the laundering of the proceeds of crime and financial crime  
12184/00 CATS 61 COPEN 69 JAI 105

The Presidency pointed out that item 6 of the draft conclusions to be examined by the JHA/ECOFIN Council in the afternoon of 17 October 2000 contained a reference to the aforesaid draft Convention. It asked delegations for their opinions on the two points raised in 12184/00.
Following a discussion, the Presidency concluded that there was agreement in principle on the fact that fiscal and banking secrecy must not hinder mutual assistance in criminal matters. The Council directed work to continue on the draft with a view to reaching agreement as quickly as possible.

5. **Presentation of the conclusions of the seminar from 13 to 15 September on the laundering of the proceeds from organised crime in Europe**  
12086/00 JAI 102 CRIMORG 136

The Council noted the conclusions of the seminar.

6. **Proposal for a Council Decision establishing a Community mechanism for the coordination of civil protection intervention in the event of emergencies**  
11949/00 PROCIV 13 PESC 427

The Council noted the Commission's presentation and the contributions made by the Belgian, German, Greek, Italian and Austrian delegations and the Presidency with regard to:

- the improvement of cooperation and coordination between the Member States' intervention services, so as to achieve greater efficiency of intervention, avoid duplication and make economies of scale,
- making available to the Member States' civil protection services an updated inventory of the civil protection capabilities existing in the Community,
- the training of teams,
- informing the public,
- the continued liability of Member States for their civil protection teams,
- taking into account decentralised civil protection structures existing in certain Member States,
- assistance to the applicant countries and surrounding countries,
- links with civilian crisis management and with the bilateral agreements concluded by the Community and the Member States,
- the appeal to voluntary organisations,
- the need for lightweight management structures.
The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination of the Commission proposal.

The Council also noted the Presidency's intention to organise a policy debate at its next meeting.

7. Other business

– Meeting of Chief Police Officers

The United Kingdom delegation expressed its desire to see Recommendation No 44 of the Tampere conclusions implemented in full. In its opinion, the two meetings of the operational Task Force which took place in Lisbon and Paris were devoted mainly to the exchange of best practice and information on current trends in cross-border crime, and did not deal adequately with the planning of police action.

The Danish delegation drew the Council's attention to the risk that over-strengthening the role of the operational Task Force might weaken Europol.

– Report from the OLAF Supervisory Committee

The Italian delegation wanted the Justice and Home Affairs Council to examine the report of the OLAF Supervisory Committee.

– Council statement concerning the murder of Dr Antonio Muñoz Cariñanos

The Council adopted the statement set out in the Annex.
STATEMENT BY THE JHA COUNCIL

Luxembourg, 17 October 2000

The Justice and Home Affairs Council, meeting in Luxembourg on 17 October 2000

Having learnt of the atrocious murder of Dr Antonio Muñoz Cariñanos yesterday evening in Seville,

Offers its condolences to the victim's family and expresses its solidarity with all families of the victims of terrorism as well as with the Spanish people and Government,

Strongly condemns this murder, and

Rejects absolutely and deplores the fact that a group can use death and terrorism to attempt to impose its objectives.

The Council of the European Union reiterates its determination, as expressed at the Santa Maria da Feira European Council, to make full use of all the possibilities provided by the treaties in order to strengthen and intensify cooperation between Member States in this area in a spirit of solidarity.