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Subject: 2899th meeting of the Council of the European Union (JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS), held in Luxembourg on 24 October 2008

¹ Information concerning the final adoption of Council acts which may be released to the public may be found in Addendum 1 to these minutes.
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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
   14165/08 OJ/CONS 57 JAI 527 COMIX 738
   + COR 1

   The Council adopted the agenda as set out in 14165/08.

2. **Approval of the list of "A" items**
   14167/08 PTS A 49

   The Council approved the list of "A" items as set out in 14167/08.

   Information relating to items 2, 3, 8, 15, 30 and 31 is set out in Addendum 1 to these minutes.

   In addition, the documents referred to in items 8(b) and 31 should read as follows:

   **Item 8(b):**
   13673/08 SIRIS 137 SCHENGEN 38 COMIX 705
   13488/08 SIRIS 133 SCHENGEN 35 COMIX 692
   + REV 1 (fi)
   + REV 2 (da)
   13489/08 SIRIS 134 SCHENGEN 36 COMIX 693
   + REV 1 (da)

   **Item 31:**
   PE-CONS 3657/08 ENV 440 AVIATION 146 MI 247 IND 72
   ENER 224 CODEC 948
   + REV 1 (fi)
   + REV 1 COR 1 (fi)
   + REV 2 (lt)
   14243/08 CODEC 1321 ENV 681 AVIATION 229 MI 362 IND 130
   ENER 331
   + ADD 1
   + ADD 1 REV 2

   and items 21 to 26 should read as follows:

   **Items 21 to 26:** approved by COREPER, Part 2, on **17.10.2008**
3. **Draft Council conclusions on setting up national alert platforms and a European Council alert platform for reporting offences noted on the Internet**
14071/08 ENFOPOL 187 CRIMORG 162

The Council approved the conclusions unanimously.

4. **The principle of convergence and the structuring of internal security**

   (a) **Draft conclusions**
   14069/08 JAI 514 CATS 78

   (b) **Presentation of the Salzburg Forum and police cooperation within the Benelux**
   14304/08 JAI 537 CATS 81
   14509/08 JAI 555 CATS 82

The Council approved the conclusions unanimously. Specific experiences were presented in the field of regional cooperation. (Salzburg Forum and Benelux)

5. **Stepping up the fight against drug trafficking in West Africa**
   - **Policy debate**
   13919/08 CORDROGUE 76

In the context of a targeted and structured approach, several Member States stated that they were in favour of strengthening cooperation at various levels. The Presidency intends to submit various implementation options based on development initiatives to the Council in the near future, with a view to ensuring overall consistency.

6. **European PNR**
   - **Progress report**
   13803/1/08 REV 1 CRIMORG 157 AVIATION 211 DATAPROTECT 70

The outcome of the proceedings is set out in 16457/08 CRIMORG 208 AVIATION 286 DATAPROTECT 100 + COR 1.

- Political agreement
  
  14230/08 COPEN 188

The Council reached a general approach on this subject.

8. **Proposal for a Council Regulation on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations**

- Political agreement
  
  14066/08 JUSTCIV 216
  + COR 1
  + ADD 1
  + ADD 1 COR 1
  + ADD 1 REV 1 (lv)

The Council:

- agreed on the overall compromise and on the text of the draft Regulation, as set out in
  
  14066/08 JUSTCIV 216 + COR 1 + ADD 1 + ADD 1 COR 1 + ADD 1 REV 1 (lv)

- directed that work should continue with a view to the final adoption of the Regulation by the end of 2008.

9. **Draft Council conclusions on the situation of vulnerable adults and their cross-border legal protection**

  14034/08 JUSTCIV 215 SOC 579
  + REV 1 (pl)

The Council agreed on the draft Council conclusions as submitted by the Presidency.
10. **Draft Resolution of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on the training of judges, prosecutors and judicial staff in the European Union**

14106/08 JAI 521 COPEN 184 JUSTCIV 218
+ COR 1

The outcome of the Council's proceedings is set out in 14757/08 JAI 573 COPEN 197 JUSTCIV 229.

11. **Other business**
   - **Civil protection**

   The Council held an exchange of views on the concept of European mutual assistance as proposed by the Presidency, in the context of civil protection.