1. On 26-27 March 2008, a conference on "Strengthening the cooperation in the fight against serious crime - Contribution of regional OCTAs to security in Europe" was held in Vienna. Following this conference, the Presidency presented to the Council draft Council Conclusions on the assistance to produce a common threat assessment on organised crime for South East European region.

2. These conclusions were discussed at the meeting of the Multidisciplinary group on organised crime (MDG) of 14 April, the JHA Counsellors meeting of 30 April 2008 and the MDG meeting of 6 May 2008. At the latter meeting a consensus was reached on the text of the draft Council conclusions, which was confirmed at the Article 36 Committee meeting of 14 May.

3. In view of the above Coreper is requested to invite the Council to adopt the Council conclusions set out in the annex to 8104/2/08 REV 2 CRIMORG 60 ENFOPOL 68 ENFOCUSTOM 44 COWEB 95.