

Conclusions of the Luxembourg European Council: extract concerning future common action on home affairs and judicial policy (28–29 June 1991)

Caption: On 28 and 29 June 1991, the Luxembourg European Council sets out the successive stages of common action to be undertaken by the Twelve in the field of justice and home affairs.

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Luxembourg European Council (28 and 29 June 1991) Conclusions of the Presidency

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Annexes

Annex I

Future common action on home affairs and judicial policy

A. Aims of the Inter-Governmental Conference

1. Policy on asylum, immigration and aliens

Treaty commitment to formal and actual harmonization by 31.12.1993 at the latest. Details to be laid down by unanimous decision of the Council, or if necessary, implementing measures to be decided by qualified majority. Right of initiative for the Commission and also for individual Member States.

2. Fight against international drug trafficking and organized crime

Treaty commitment to full establishment of a Central European Criminal Investigation Office ("Europol") for these areas by 31.12.1993 at the latest. Details to be laid down by unanimous decision of the Council. Gradual development of Europol functions : first of all relay station for exchange of information and experience (up to 31.12.1992), then in the second phase powers to act also within the Member States would be granted. Right of initiative for the Commission and also for individual Member States.

B. Immediate and preparatory measures

1. Policy on asylum, immigration and aliens

Report from Ministers with responsibility for immigration to the European Council in Maastricht in December 1991:

- definition and planning of the preparatory work needed for harmonization

- proposals for concrete preparatory and transitional measures for the period between signature and entry into force of the amendments to the EC Treaty.

2. Fight against international drug trafficking and organized crime

Report from the relevant Ministers to the European Council in Maastricht in December 1991 with concrete proposals for setting up "Europol" and adopting appropriate preparatory and transitional measures.

3. Co-ordination of preparatory work on these questions by the Secretary-General of the Council, in conjunction with the Commission.