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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
Subject:	Report of the Asia-Oceania Working Group of 20 July 2005

Please find in annex the report of the Asia-Oceania Working Group of 20 July 2005.

1. **Summit preparation**

EU-China Summit, 5 September 2005, Beijing

The Presidency briefed the Group on the state of preparations for the Summit. The Council on 18 July had been informed. COREPER on 20 July held a discussion on Market Economy Status and on migration issues (ADS, visa facilitation and readmission). The 133 Committee tackled trade issues on 15 July. China had outlined its priorities to the Presidency, Secretariat and Commission: lifting of the EU arms embargo, awarding of Market Economy Status support to Chinese position on he Taiwan question. So far, China had not reacted on the proposed agenda nor on the draft Declaration on Energy and Climate change.

The Presidency undertook to draft a new proposal for the Chinese side taking into account delegations' comments. This text would be circulated to delegations.

The Presidency said that COREPER on 31 August would update delegations on Summit preparations.

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