NOTE

from: Presidency

to: CIREFI/Strategic Committee on Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum/ Mixed Committee (EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)

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Subject: CIREFI information exchange: progress report

Background

At the end of the Portuguese Presidency, a progress report on the improvement of information and data exchange in CIREFI (16254/07 CIREFI 31 COMIX 1053) was submitted by the Presidency to the Strategic Committee on Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum (SCIFA). SCIFA took note of the progress report calling upon Slovenia to present its report at the end of the Slovenian Presidency.

1. First of all, the Slovenian Presidency would like to stress that the exchange of information and data in CIREFI flows regularly, efficiently and within the framework of the Council Conclusions of 30 November 1994 on the organisation and development of the Centre for Information, Discussion and Exchange on the Crossing of Frontiers and Immigration (CIREFI).
2. With a view to possible further improvement of the exchange of information and statistical data in CIREFI the Slovenian Presidency would like to draw attention to the following points:

a. It is essential that all delegations supply up-to-date information for the months stated in the communication sent out by the General Secretariat.

b. The delegations should send statistical information on time, so that the General Secretariat has enough time to prepare the complete document (with the contributions from all delegations) and so that the Presidency has the opportunity to prepare for the meeting accordingly.

c. All statistical data should be reported using the standard data-reporting form (10526/05 CIREFI 17 COMIX420). Although the General Secretariat sent out this form at the end of the Portuguese Presidency, some delegations still prefer not to use the standard data-reporting format when presenting their statistics.

d. The statistics supplied should show the top five nationalities for each item and this is not the case for all national contributions.

e. It is essential to use the ISO 3166 ALPHA – 3 country codes when listing the current top five nationalities. This enables an easier review. (An up-to-date alphabetical list was issued by the German Presidency in Annexes I and II of document 5265/1/07 REV 1 CIREFI 3 COMIX 29).

Conclusion

SCIFA is requested to note this progress report on CIREFI information exchange and to ask one of the incoming Presidencies to draw up a further progress report at the end of its term or in case of identified need.