"I/A" ITEM NOTE
from: K.4 Committee
to: COREPER/COUNCIL
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Subject: Draft Council Recommendation on guidelines for preventing and restraining disorder connected with football matches

The K.4 Committee examined the above mentioned draft Recommendation at its meeting on 28 February 1996.

The text of the draft Recommendation is annexed to this note.

The K.4 Committee suggests that COREPER propose to the Council to adopt the text at its meeting on 19/20 March 1996.
ANNEX

DRAFT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION
ON GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTING AND RESTRAINING DISORDER
CONNECTED WITH FOOTBALL MATCHES

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

HAVING REGARD to the Recommendation of the Council of the European Union for the exchange of information on the occasion of major events of meetings, adopted on 30 November 1994;

HAVING REGARD to the initiative submitted by the United Kingdom on 21 June 1995;

HAVING REGARD to the conclusion of the Council of the European Union on 21 June 1995;

WHEREAS there have been instances of serious disorder at football matches in a number of Member States including matches in international competitions, and there is a need to ensure a consistent, coordinated, and effective response on the part of the police and the football authorities;

WHEREAS the Council believes that techniques and procedures which have contributed to the successful containment of disorder should be more widely and consistently applied in relation to international high-risk matches;

WHEREAS the Council considers that adoption of a more consistent approach to these problems would be likely to lead to a reduction in the number and seriousness of incidents of disorder;

WHEREAS some of the recent outbreaks of disorder can be linked to lax controls on ticket sales at the grounds on the day of the match;
WHEREAS recommendations have been adopted under the 1985 European Convention on Spectator Violence and Misbehaviour at Sports Events and in particular at Football Matches for actions to be followed whenever the threat of violent disorder is foreseen by the country in which a football match is to be played,

RECOMMENDS to Member States:

I) To draw on the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the aforementioned Convention, contained in the check list of measures to be taken by organisers and public authorities concerning high-risk indoor sports events (trv 94.13 of 16 June 1994), in particular those that concern police cooperation, which it considers to be particularly useful in preventing or containing disorder.

II) In addition the following recommendations are proposed to complement those made under the Convention:

Information exchange

1) That Member States should use a common format for police intelligence reports about known or suspected groups of troublemakers. The common format should include an overall assessment of the potential for disorder, and detailed travel information in relation to air, coach travel, private vehicles and rail. A copy of the suggested format is attached at Annex I.

2) That Member States consider transmitting these reports quickly and effectively, possibly by means of the network of correspondents "football hooliganism".

Co-operation on training

With a view to exchanging and disseminating information between Member States about techniques for preventing disorder at football matches, that police officers should, where appropriate, be encouraged to attend relevant training courses held for police officers in other Member States.
Police co-operation

That the host country should formally ask the appropriate responsible authority of the other Member State or States for their police support, specifying the number of officers that are considered appropriate. The request should be submitted as soon as possible and ideally no later than four weeks prior to the match. Agreement can then be reached by the two authorities about the number and background of the officers.

Co-operation of Supervisors

Whilst the football authorities or clubs are responsible for appointing and training their stewards in those Member States where this role exists, that the police should contribute to training programmes in order to promote close cooperation between stewards and police officers, recognising the important role of stewards in supervising supporters and securing their safety, and thus enabling any police officers present at football grounds to concentrate on their main law enforcement duties.
Standard format
for the exchange of police intelligence
on football hooligans

EUROPEAN COMPETITION FIXTURE

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COMPETITION ......................................................................................................................

DATE ........................................................................................................................................

VENUE .......................................................................................................................................

KICK-OFF TIME .........................................................................................................................

ASSESSMENT AND CATEGORISATION OF SUPPORT
Please indicate estimated numbers of supporters in bracket.

A = Peaceful, ......................................................................................................................... [ ]

B = Some potential for confrontation or disorder especially alcohol-related, ........................ [ ]

C = Violent or Organisers of Violence. ................................................................................... [ ]

INTELLIGENCE: .......................................................................................................................

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

PRIVATE CAR/MINIBUS/CAMPERS/VAN ETC

OUTWARD/RETURN JOURNEY
(Please delete as necessary)

Description of Vehicle

Make/Colour

Registration Number

Number of Passengers

Categorisation of Passengers

Organised or Independent Travellers

Date/Time/Place of Departure

Ferry Company/Ferry Crossing/Date/Time of Crossing

Channel Tunnel/Dates/Times

Motorways or other routes

Border Crossing Points/Times

Time of Arrival at Venue
ACCOMMODATION

Stop-Overs en route if applicable and name of Hotel/Pension/Campsite

Hotel/Pension/Campsite at Venue

COMMENTS
TRAVEL INFORMATION

OUTWARD/RETURN JOURNEY
(Please delete as necessary)

Scheduled or Charter Flight

Name of Travel Company

Name of Airline or Air Operator and Flight Number

Date/Time of Departure

Departure Airport

Number of Supporters on Flight

Categorisation of Supporters on Flight

Organised or Independent Travellers

Date/Time of Arrival (Show local time if appropriate)

Arrival Airport
ACCOMMODATION

Name of Hotel/Pension/Campsite etc.

COMMENTS
RAIL TRAVEL

OUTWARD/RETURN JOURNEY

(Please delete as necessary)

Date/Time of Train

Departure Station

Number of Supporters Travelling

Organised or Independent Travellers

Ferry Company/Date/Time of Crossing

Channel Tunnel/Date/Time

Departure Station after crossing

Date/Time of Train

Date/Time of Arrival
ACCOMMODATION

Stop-Overs en route if applicable and name of Hotel/Pension/Campsite

Hotel/Pension/Campsite at Venue

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COACH TRAVEL

OUTWARD/RETURN JOURNEY
(Please delete as necessary)

Name of Company

Number of Coaches

Description of Vehicles/Livery

Registration Numbers

Number of Passengers on Each Vehicle

Categorisation of Passengers on Each Vehicle

Organised or Independent Travellers

Date/Time/Place of Departure

Ferry Company/Date/Time of Crossing

Channel Tunnel/Dates/Times

Motorways or other routes Showing Border Crossing Points/Dates/Times

Stops/Locations/Times

ETA at Venue (Estimated Time of Arrival)
ACCOMMODATION

Stop-Overs en route if applicable and name of Hotel/Pension/Campsite

Hotel/Pension/Campsite at Venue

COMMENTS