

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N
of TREVI Ministers

concerning the European Information System

The Ministers take note of the work of the TREVI E.I.S. Sub-Group, which has permitted substantial progress to be made towards the creation of a joint information system, in conformity with the Programme of Action adopted in June 1990 in Dublin (paragraph 15) and with the draft Convention on crossing borders (Article 10);

The Ministers confirm the validity of the TREVI E.I.S. Sub-Group's approach, which consisted in envisaging a European information system providing the categories required for the accomplishment of control duties both at external borders and within the territory of the Twelve, inspired by the Schengen information system which is currently being established, so as to avoid any risk of overlapping, in conformity with their decision to aim for the establishment of a single computerised system for the twelve States of the Community;

Consequently, and in order to set up an information system for the Twelve, the Ministers recognize the need to solve the legal and political difficulties encountered by three States: Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom, for the approval of the content and/or operational action to be taken in respect of certain data categories included in the Schengen system (arrest with a view to extradition, persons to be kept under discreet surveillance).

With this end in view, the Ministers decide as to the procedure to be followed: that the results of the work done by the E.I.S. subgroup are submitted to the Horizontal group (TREVI, ad hoc Group on Immigration, MAG '92), which was set up by the Coordinators to study the projects for computerised catalogues. This group would be charged with studying the technical and legal problems. The E.I.S. subgroup would place itself at the disposal of the Horizontal group to supply all the necessary information, and would temporarily halt work on this matter in anticipation of the results of this study.