

AGENDA

from: Secretariat

for: Working Group on External Action

Subject: Agenda for the meeting on 8 October 2002 at 9h30 - 13h00 and 14h30 - 18h30

I. High Representative Javier Solana and Commissioner Chris Patten have been invited to address the Working Group on issues raised in the agenda.

II. AGENDA

1. Coherence of EU external action

How can we ensure that the multiplicity of instruments are used harmoniously in pursuit of common objectives?

– Structures within institutions

What structural changes within institutions would help to improve the co-ordination and consistency of the different policies and actions?

– Relations between actors/institutions

How can synergies between main actors/institutions be enhanced? Should one envisage the merger of certain functions of the HR and the Commission, or aim at enhanced cooperation between the two and their services?

– Instruments

How can one make better use of instruments that cover different fields of action, i.e. common strategies? Is there a need to create new ones, i.e. proposal for joint initiatives by HR and Commission?

2. Any Other Business.

III. The meeting will take place at the Council's Justus Lipsius building (rue de la Loi 175, 1048 Brussels). The meeting room number will be displayed on the screens.

IV. In the event that members have not yet confirmed the name and e-mail address of the assistant who will accompany them to meetings, they are kindly invited to do so to Ms. Verena Schubert (convention.europeenne@consilium.eu.int).