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The Council noted the Commission's intention to provide a consolidated report on that consultation to the Barcelona European Council, accompanied if necessary by proposals on complementary measures for the short and medium term. The Council then held an exchange of views on the situation regarding energy supply security in the European Union, dealing in particular with: - measures related to the physical security of infrastructures; - coordination between work pursued in the EU and the IEA; - consistency between the treatment of security of supply and other policies (taxation, investment, environment); - the advisability of possible measures at Community level on the management and/or establishment of oil and /or gas stocks; - enhancement of the dialogue between consumer and producer countries and the EU interest in the Energy Charter process. This exchange of views confirmed in particular the Council's interest in enhancing dialogue with all the producer countries, whether it be Russia, the OPEC countries or the countries of Latin America. On that occasion, the question was raised of establishing a secretariat within the International Energy Forum so as to facilitate dialogue.