International crime : fight against serious forms, extending Europol mandate. Initiative Belgium and Sweden

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PURPOSE : to extend Europol's mandate to deal with serious forms of international crime listed in the Annex to the Europol Convention. CONTENT : in order to improve the efficiency of co-operation in the framework of the Europol Convention, it is proposed, on a Belgian-Swedish initiative, to extend the Europol's mandate to cover all aspects of international organised crime (in particular, the counterfeiting of the Euro). The initiative specifies the conditions under which a priority co-operation action shall be decided. It is by unanimity of the Council that will decide the serious forms of criminality which shall be the subject of a priority action, on a proposal by Europol's administrative council. This initiative should enter into force by 01/01.2002 at the lastest.