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Subject: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the right to information in criminal proceedings:
- Declaration on the scope

1. At the meeting of COREPER on 16 November 2011 the French delegation proposed the adoption by the Council, at the same time as the final adoption of the Directive on the right to information in criminal proceedings, of a declaration concerning the scope of application of the instrument in relation to future measures to be adopted in accordance with the Roadmap for strengthening the procedural rights of suspected or accused persons in criminal proceedings.
2. In the course of subsequent discussions, JHA Counsellors have agreed to the following text for such declaration:

"The provisions of the Directive on the right to information in criminal proceedings do not necessarily constitute a precedent in the framework of discussions concerning other proposals for measures contained in the Roadmap for strengthening procedural rights of suspected or accused persons in criminal proceedings. However, overall consistency with the remaining measures provided for by the Roadmap shall be ensured."

- 3. In light of the above, COREPER is invited to endorse the text of the declaration, in view of proposing its adoption to the Council when it will be asked to adopt the Directive.**
