

Second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II): establishment, operation and use

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The Council agreed to set up a high-level group of experts that will support political decision-making on the project. The group would meet for the first time in March and report to the April 2006 JHA Council meeting.

The Council concluded that the best solution for the management of the SIS II during the interim period would be for the Commission to delegate management to the appropriate Member States: France for the central unit and Austria for the backup central unit. The management of the information technology in the JHA field should be looked at in a long-term perspective.

The Austrian Presidency invited the Commission to present proposals on these issues.