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Note by the Office of the Union

1. In the Consultative Committee the Delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany has repeatedly suggested that the possibility of establishing a system of closer co-operation within the member States should be discussed. During its seventeenth session in April, 1978, the Consultative Committee had a first exchange of views on this question on the basis of a working document prepared by experts from the Federal Republic of Germany. It noted the suggestions of those experts with interest and decided to continue the discussions. It has inter alia considered entrusting the Administrative and Legal Committee with the examination of this question. The discussions in the Consultative Committee have, however, not yet been concluded.

2. In view of the above-mentioned state of affairs the Office of the Union has abstained from preparing a detailed working paper to and discussions of these questions in the Administrative and Legal Committee.

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