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**NOTE BIO AUX BUREAUX NATIONAUX**  
cc. aux Membres du Service du Porte-Parole

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**Rendez-vous de midi**  
(suite)

**SUJETS TRAITÉS**

**Helms-Burton (P. Guilford)**

The Commission reiterated the fact that it would present a series of options to the Council in the event of a US Presidential decision not to waive provisions of Helms-Burton. The Council will be in the procedurally awkward position of discussing "in a vacuum", given that Washington does not have to decide on the waiver until midnight tuesday. This will make a concrete decision in Brussels unlikely on tuesday, but instead the Council will need to focus on the right procedure that enables it to send strong instructions to COREPER and other officials for action once the news about the waiver has emerged from Washington.

Amitiés,

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