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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
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To: Terrorism Working Party (TWP)
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 3735/16, with two interventions by DE and FR being added under AOB.

2. Information from the Presidency

The delegates were informed about:

- The outcome of the workshop and practical training organised by the European Explosives Ordnance Disposal Network (Kosice, Slovakia) on 12-15 July 2016, which can be found in 11111/16; this document contains a number of recommendations for further action.
- So far 22 Member States had replied to the questionnaire on "Countering Violent Extremism" (CM 3082/16), issued under the Dutch presidency. A paper summarising the findings will be issued shortly.

- Finally, a contribution to a draft set of conclusions on "Prevention of radicalisation leading to violent extremism" was briefly presented. These conclusions contain a part on the security dimension, including how to counter terrorist propaganda and address radicalisation in prisons. The full set of conclusions will be submitted for adoption to the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport (EYCS) Council on 21-22 November 2016. Delegations which so wish, were requested to submit written comments by 19 September 2016. The draft part on security will be discussed at the next TWP meeting on 3 October. DE drew the attention to the DE/FR declaration of 23 August 2016 containing a part on "Reinforcing the fight against radicalisation at EU level".

3. Latest incidents of significant interest

Seven Member States (DK, BE, DE, FR, IT, ES and PL) reported on the latest incidents of significant interest and on the latest legislative developments in the CT area.

4. CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear) threats

Delegations took note of presentations by SK, UK and INTCEN.

The Commission announced that it will issue a CBRN communication in autumn.

5. Advice Centre on radicalization

The German Advice Centre on radicalisation presented its work. In addition, a leaflet was distributed - "Faith or extremism" - on help for relatives.

6. Strengthening cooperation on counter-terrorism threat analysis

Six-monthly threat analysis [CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL]

INTCEN presented its six-monthly threat analysis.

7. Europol future oriented assessment / Changes in modus operandi of ISIL revisited

Europol presented an update of its report published at the end of 2015.

Delegations took note of the above mentioned analysis and assessment. On the basis thereof, the Presidency will elaborate a living document to be updated every six months, focusing on where more efforts are needed in order to prevent and counter terrorism. This document will be submitted to COSI at the latest in December.

8. INTERPOL's strategy to combat a rapidly evolving global terrorism threat

INTERPOL gave a presentation focusing, among other things, on the importance of information sharing. The good cooperation with ECTC was stressed. Senior analyst from Europol would soon be joining Interpol's CT unit.

9. Information on counter-terrorism activities

Europol briefly informed the delegates about the Joint Action Days on 31 August and 1 September 2016 where the Internet referral Unit (IRU) had organised and joined forces with national IRUs from FR, DE, SI and UK on a 48-hour joint action to secure the removal of material considered terrorist and violent extremist propaganda material as quickly as possible. 1 677 media content and social media accounts in 6 languages had been processed for the purpose of referral.

SSCAT (Syria Strategic Communications Network) established in JAN 2015, will be replaced on 1 October 2016 by the broader ranging ESCN (European Strategic Communications Network).

The **Commission** mentioned the mission letter to the new commissioner for the Security Union underlining the importance and urgency of making swift progress towards an operational and effective Security Union. Furthermore, it announced that a RAN (Radicalisation Awareness Network) high level conference will be held on 9 November in Brussels, and that, in the framework of the EU Internet Forum, a High Level meeting will be held on 8 December 2016 (officials to gather in October).

EEAS reported on ongoing activities in among others Algeria, Israel and Egypt and on an enhanced cooperation with Eurojust.

10. AOB

DE proposed to put BDL (bureau de liaison) on the agenda of an upcoming TWP meeting.

The Presidency agreed, announcing a meeting in October, involving NL, INTCEN and the Commission.

FR informed about a conference of dissemination concerning the computerized solution dedicated to the analysis of big video data "MVI" to be held in France on 26 September 2016; invitations had been sent.
