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(COSI)

MIXED COMMITTEE

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda set out in CM 3125/17 was adopted.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency informed delegations on the follow-up to the discussions on enhancing COSI's role. The Presidency was pleased with delegations' support for the recommendations on the planned way forward, as set out in 8900/17. In line with those recommendations, it was agreed that a duo Presidency paper would be presented with the Estonian Presidency on the implementation of the renewed EU Internal Security Strategy (ISS), which would take stock of the progress made under the Maltese Presidency and set out the objectives for the Estonian Presidency. The duo Presidency paper would be presented at the informal COSI meeting on 20-21 July 2017.

The Committee endorsed the update on the conclusions, recommendations and way forward on the INTCEN and Europol threat assessments mechanism as set out in 6699/2/17 REV 2.

The Committee took note of the publication of the TE-SAT 2017 set out in 10177/17.

The Committee was informed that the COSI Chair would attend the LIBE meeting on 21 June 2017 to present the COSI proceedings under the Maltese Presidency.

3. Commission recommendation on proportionate police checks and police cooperation in the Schengen area: orientation debate

The Committee discussed possible ways of strengthening cross-border police cooperation on the basis of the above-mentioned Commission recommendation of 12 May 2017. Many delegations voiced their support in principle for its main goal, which is to make better use of alternative measures (joint patrols, hot pursuits, etc.) and give them precedence over the temporary reintroduction of border controls. However, various delegations stressed that such alternative measures can complement border controls, but cannot replace them.

The Commission representative stated that two experts meetings were planned. The first meeting on 10 July 2017 would discuss police checks, and the second meeting on 8 September 2017 would discuss police cooperation.

The Presidency concluded that delegations agreed on the tasks to be allocated to the LEWP and DAPIX as set out in 10312/17.

4. EU Policy Cycle for organised and serious international crime:

– OAP 'Illegal Immigration' 2017: 6-month progress report

The Committee took note of the progress report of the OAP 'Illegal Immigration', as set out in 10009/17 (EU RESTRICTED).

5. Way forward to improve information exchange and ensure the interoperability of EU information systems¹

The Committee endorsed the suggestion by the incoming Presidency to convene the DAPIX Working Party in the Friends of the Presidency (FoP) format to discuss issues relating to interoperability of EU information systems on the basis of the Council conclusions on interoperability². A number of delegations took the floor, welcoming the proposal and stressing the need for relevant experts to engage in the work of the FoP under the strategic guidance of COSI. The first meeting of the FoP would be held on 26 July 2017, back-to-back with a meeting on 27 July 2017 organised by the Commission to discuss the outcome of the feasibility study on the European Search Portal. The Swiss delegation suggested that Schengen associated countries should continue to be involved in the FoP, as in the high-level expert group on information systems and interoperability.

6. Follow-up to the joint Home Affairs and FAC/Defence Ministerial lunch of 18 May 2017:

– Access to battlefield data: presentation and exchange of views

Interpol, the French delegation and Europol presented their experiences regarding access to battlefield data and cooperation between the military and law enforcement.

The Presidency welcomed the presentations, which contributed to taking forward work on the conclusions of the Chair of the ministerial lunch on 18 May 2017.

Various delegations took the floor to welcome this agenda item. Delegations highlighted some issues which should be addressed, such as the legal framework at national level, mandates for CSDP missions and relationships with host countries. The Commission and EEAS representatives highlighted the conclusions of the Foreign Affairs Council of 19 June 2017, which also addressed this topic.

¹ Exceptionally in the presence of the Schengen Associated States.

² 10151/17

The Commission representative suggested that a reflection paper be drafted containing the main challenges to be clarified. The Commission would be happy to contribute to this together with the EEAS and the EU CTC. The EEAS representative said that the EEAS was currently working on a paper on CSDP missions for the COSI-PSC meeting on 26 September 2017.

The Presidency welcomed the exchange of views and invited delegations to submit their contributions on the feasibility of accessing battlefield data and the possible challenges by 30 June 2017.

7. EU Policy Cycle for organised and serious international crime

- a) 6-month progress reports on other OAPs, report of the Europol Director and report of the National EMPACT Coordinators (NEC) meeting

The Committee took note of the 6-monthly monitoring report and some of the main operational results of the OAPs in 2017, as set out in 10010/17 + COR 1 + ADD 1 RESTREINT UE.

The Committee took note of the report of the National EMPACT Coordinators (NEC) meeting which took place on 23 and 24 May 2017, as set out in 10064/17.

- b) Draft Terms of Reference, including the involvement of third countries/international organisations and partners

COSI agreed on the 2018-2021 EU Policy Cycle Terms of Reference, as set out in 8810/2/17 REV 2, except for section 2.9 on the involvement of relevant third countries and international organisations and partners. The Presidency concluded that it would draft a new proposal for that chapter, which would be sent for agreement by the silence procedure.

- c) List of relevant actors:

The Presidency stated that the COSI Support Group had already reached an agreement on 12 June 2017 on the Drivers of ten out of the thirteen OAPs, as set out in 10011/1/17 REV 1.

Regarding the OAP Child Sexual Exploitation, BE volunteered to be the Driver. However, no agreement was found on the Driver for Illegal Immigration or for Criminal Finances. The Presidency invited the countries concerned to discuss the issue bilaterally and to find a solution, if possible, before the general MASP workshop on 26 June 2017.

8. Results of the Finnish Police University College Project on Firearms: presentation

The Committee took note of the final results of an evaluation study on illicit firearms, operational action and information exchange in Europe carried out by the Finnish Police University College, and encouraged the experts participating in the MASP and OAP on firearms to take the findings of the report into account.

9. Programme of the work programme of the incoming Estonian Presidency

The Estonian delegation briefly informed the meeting about the main priorities of its work programme for COSI, namely interoperability, PNR, eu-LISA, the EU Policy Cycle, cooperation with Ukraine, ATLAS, the renewed ISS and the fight against cybercrime. The following meeting dates were provisionally scheduled: 20-21 July (informal with CATS), 25 September, 21 November and 12 December 2017. A joint meeting of the members of COSI and PSC would take place on 26 September 2017.

10. Any other business

- **European Union Crime Prevention Network: information on the meeting held on 7 June 2017**

The Committee took note of a presentation by the EUCPN Secretariat of the findings of a meeting held in Brussels on 7 June 2017 on the role of prevention within the EU Policy Cycle.