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of: Working Party on Terrorism

on: 27 November 2012

Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in document CM 5433/12 with the addition of an information by ES delegation concerning the training of religious leaders.

2. Information by the Presidency

The Presidency referred to the documents adopted by the Council on 25-26 October, namely the Council Conclusions on the protection of soft targets from terrorist activities (14591/12), the implementation plan of the Revised EU Radicalisation and Recruitment Action Plan (13524/4/12 REV 4 + COR 1 EU RESTRICTED), and the Implementation Report on the Council Conclusions on enhancing the links between internal and external aspects of counter-terrorism (14819/1/12 REV 1). Furthermore, it provided information on the conference on aviation security held on 31 October 2012 in Cyprus and on a recent meeting of COTER.

The Presidency thanked delegations for their input regarding the document suggesting best practices identified by the Presidency (DS 1640/12 EU RESTRICTED) on the basis of contributions from the Member States on the Draft implementation plan of the Revised EU Radicalisation and Recruitment Action Plan. The document is meant to be a food-for-thought paper and can be used by delegations and/or future Presidencies for a possible follow-up.

3. Enfopol 30 - Information exchange on recent terrorist incidents

The Group exchanged information on recent terrorist incidents.

4. Information from the Commission on the work of the RAN Working Group on Foreign Fighters and the Role of Diaspora communities

This agenda item was postponed to a later meeting. Brief information on RAN was given by COM under item 13.

5. Presentation by INTCEN of a classified report on Terrorist Travel (EU CONFIDENTIAL)

A representative of IntCen presented the abovementioned report.

6. “Initiative Security Partnership” – presentation by the German delegation

An expert from the German Ministry of Interior presented its Security Partnership with Muslim Citizens, which included the establishment of an information centre on radicalisation, a website and an information campaign. She explained the difficulties encountered as well as the results achieved.

7. Conclusions of the Conference “Aviation Security against Terrorist Threats”, 31 October 2012, Nicosia

- Draft Council conclusions based on the conclusions of the conference

The Presidency presented the outcome of the abovementioned Conference (set out in document 16252/12), which gathered experts in law enforcement and aviation, who looked together at the current challenges in aviation security and the possible way forward. One of the aims of the conference was also to look whether there is room for possible extension of the risk assessment methodology implemented so far in air cargo and liquid explosives, to other areas.

On the basis of these conclusions, the Presidency prepared draft Council conclusions on Aviation Security against terrorist threat (document 16610/12) which were examined in detail by the Group. The outcome of the discussion is set out in 16610/2/12 REV 2. The aim of the Presidency was to agree on the text of the conclusions and submit them to the Council on 6-7 December 2012 for approval.

8. “Civil Protection: the aftermath of a terrorist attack on a Soft Target”

A representative of the Cyprus Civil Defence Department provided an overview of measures foreseen in the event of a threat to civilians, including in case of a terrorist attack. He introduced action plans and systems put in place to cope with different threats and situations.

9. Extremism – presentations by:

- a) Greece (EU CONFIDENTIAL)**
- b) Italy**
- c) Germany**

The Group listened to and discussed presentations on different aspects of extremism presented by DE (on salafism), IT (on political antagonist movement) and EL (on combating domestic terrorism).

10. Presentation by the Counter Terrorism Coordinator

The EU Counter-terrorism Coordinator presented the key messages of his evaluation paper on the annual report on the implementation of the EU counter-terrorism strategy (doc. 16471/12 + ADD 1 + ADD 2). He explained also that he had not produced a real discussion paper as he was planning to submit the next one at the March Council on JHA so as to have a more substantial debate at that level on counter-terrorism issues. This future document would certainly address the issue of terrorist financing, taking into account documents that were being prepared on several related files. In reply to delegations' questions, the CTC urged to better use the EU position and its positive image in large parts of the world as well as its expertise to increase the EU work on counter-terrorism abroad. In this context, Member States were urged to send out the relevant experts to support such work. Finally, he suggested that COSI could review his paper on the PKK as the issue was still relevant and address the cooperation among agencies in counter-terrorism files.

11. Summary of the activities of the TWP under the Cyprus Presidency

The Presidency summarised the activities of the Group undertaken since July 2012 and highlighted notably the adoption of the Council conclusions on soft targets¹, endorsement by the Council of the Updated implementation plan of the Radicalisation and Recruitment AP² and of the Implementation report on the Council Conclusions on enhancing the links between internal and external aspects of counter-terrorism³, and the seminar on cyber space held at the joint TWP-COTER meeting.

12. Information by the incoming Irish Presidency

The incoming IE Presidency presented a calendar of meetings of the TWP in the first semester of 2013 and informed about the main topics to be addressed. These include, among others, terrorist threat in Ireland, radicalisation and terrorist travel.

¹ 14591/12

² 13524/4/12 + COR 1 EU RESTRICTED

³ 14819/1/12 REV 1

13. Information on Counter-terrorism activities

- Commission

A Commission representative provided updates of the activities of RAN, and notably the working groups internal/external and internet and social media.

A high level symposium of the network that should bring together policy makers and practitioners is planned to take place on 29 January 2013.

- Europol

- Eurojust

Representatives of Europol and Eurojust informed about a forthcoming EU-India practitioners workshop to take place on 11-12 December 2012 in the Hague, co-organised by the two agencies and supported by the EEAS and COM.

14. AOB

The ES delegation updated the meeting on the activities of the work stream established under the Radicalisation and Recruitment Action Plan relating to the training of religious leaders.
