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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Meeting with Interpol at the level of COSI/CATS

on: 29 November 2012

Subject : Summary of discussions

1. Introduction and adoption of the agenda

On behalf of the CY Presidency, Dr Himonas opened the meeting and welcomed the Interpol delegation. The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. 15886/12.

2. Follow up of previous meeting on 22 June 2012 :

- **update projects PSYCHE and CULTNET**

Interpol presented the state of play of the project "Protecting SYstem for Cultural HEritage" (PSYCHE), led by Italy and funded under ISEC. The project, in which 15 EU Member States participate, was formally launched at the Interpol General Assembly held in Rome on 5-8 November 2012. The operational kick off meeting would take place in January 2013. The Commission representative welcomed the project and suggested that all Member States and relevant JHA Agencies participate.

The Presidency informed Interpol about the creation of an informal network of law enforcement authorities and expertise competent in the field of cultural goods (EU CULTNET) which was adopted by the Council on 25-26 October 2012 (doc. 14232/12). Interpol confirmed its willingness to support and actively participate in the project with a view to avoiding duplication.

- SLTD Database

Interpol provided delegations with an update on Member States' contributions to and use of the Interpol's Stolen and Lost Travel Documents Database (SLTD). Revised Standard Operating Procedures and Policies (SOPP) on the SLTD database were adopted by the Interpol General Assembly in Rome on 5-8 November 2012. The growth of the SLTD database continues and the updating by EU MS was considered excellent. However, a systematic use of the database as a tool for an integrated border management strategy should be further promoted at airports and land border control points. Some technical and financial issues seem currently to limit the number of searches in the system.

The Commission indicated its willingness to support through DG Home financial instruments countries having financial obstacles to reach the objective of integrating SLTD searches in their daily process of border control.

- state of play cooperation agreements

Interpol informed the meeting on the state of play of its cooperation agreements, in particular the draft agreement between Interpol and Eurojust as well as the draft agreement between Interpol and the EEAS. Regarding the cooperation agreement with Eurojust, Interpol awaits the feedback from Eurojust on the latest draft. Discussions between the legal services of Interpol and the EEAS were ongoing regarding the appropriate legal framework and scope of the agreement.

3. Cybercrime:

- state of play EC3 and the Global Complex for Innovation (IGCI)

Europol gave an update of the recent developments regarding EC3, which would become operational on 1 January 2013. A first Programme Board meeting was held on 12 June and the implementation team started on 1 July 2012. Interpol updated the meeting on the progress achieved regarding the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovations (IGCI) which now contains two cybercrime related directorates within the Digital Crime Centre (DCC).

The meeting acknowledged the importance of coordination between EC3 and IGCI/DCC to maximise the use of resources. The Presidency stated that it was important that Interpol would participate in the OAP on Cybercrime and also referred to the Friends of the Presidency meeting on Cyber issues which would take place on 3 December 2012. This Friends of the Presidency group was established to enhance internal coordination and help develop an EU integrated approach on cyber policy issues.

Interpol mentioned a conference on Cybercrime that it would organise together with Europol in The Hague in 2013 followed by a conference in Singapore in 2014. In this connection, a virtual secretariat between Europol and Interpol will be set up.

The Commission informed the meeting that it was preparing an EU Cyber Security Strategy for early 2013 and that it would also launch a Global Alliance against Child Sexual Abuse Online on 5 December 2012.

4. EU policy cycle on serious international and organised crime:

- Operational Action Plans (OAPs) 2013

The Presidency informed Interpol about the current state of play of the EU Policy cycle, notably the 6-months by monitoring of the OAPs and the validation of the OAPs 2013 at the COSI meeting on 28 November 2013. The Presidency encouraged Interpol to actively contribute to the implementation of the relevant OAPs.

Europol stated that it would welcome having a meeting with Interpol to explore possible areas of cooperation within the framework of the OAPs.

Interpol expressed its readiness to cooperate and stated that it was currently in the process of recruiting additional personnel which could in the course of 2013 strengthen Interpol's involvement. So far Interpol participated in the OAPs Western Balkans, West Africa, Trafficking in Human Beings and Mobile Organised Crime Groups. Interpol voiced some concerns on the limited amount of information it received in return.

5. Project "RELINC" in Libya

Interpol presented its project "RELINC" which stands for Rebuilding Libya's Investigative Capability. The project aims at helping Libya to improve its crime investigation and detection capability to better face current and future security threats. The 18 month project, which started on 1 September 2012, is funded by the EU and implemented by Interpol. It comprises 7 main components i.a. providing an assessment of the threat posed to Libya by transnational organised crime and terrorism and initiate the building of a Crime Analysis Unit within the Libyan Crime Investigation Department.

6. Information on the results of the 81st Interpol General Assembly

Interpol informed the meeting about the results of the 81st General Assembly which took place between 5 and 8 November 2012 in Rome. The General Assembly adopted various resolutions i.a. on the revised SOPP for the SLTD Database, Promoting international action against illicit proceeds, the Implementation of the Interpol Travel Document Security Charter, improving international cooperation and enhancing information exchange on the illicit traffic in cultural property, Cybercrime etc.

7. Priorities under the incoming IE Presidency of the Council of the EU

The incoming IE Presidency informed the meeting on the priorities during its Presidency. Regarding COSI special attention will be given to the first Serious and Organised Crime Threat Assessment (SOCTA), the draft Council Conclusions on the EU crime priorities 2014-2017 and the Internal Security Strategy.

8. Any other business

Interpol was interested in discussing the topic of data protection at the next joint meeting, in particular to have an exchange of views on the future EU legislation on data protection, i.e. the draft Directive on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data (doc. 5833/12) which could have a significant impact on the exchange of information between the EU and Interpol.

The next meeting would be hosted by Interpol in Lyon to be scheduled for June 2013.
