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Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein)

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Subject: Summary of discussions

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING PARTY - MIXED COMMITTEE

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 5611/12.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Chair referred to the updated calendar of the expert groups and networks related to the LEWP, as set out in doc. 17559/11 ADD 1 REV 4.

3. Radio Communication expert group meeting (Larnaca, 24 October 2012)

The meeting took note of the progress report of the above-mentioned meeting and agreed to send the letter on European radio spectrum harmonisation for mobile broadband for Public Protection and Disaster Relief to the relevant frequency organisations, as set out in the annex to doc. 17487/12 ENFOPOL 408 COMIX 724.

4. Final report on JPO APHRODITE

The CY expert extensively presented the results of JPO Aphrodite, aimed at combating illegal immigration regarding. The final report of this JPO would be provided shortly.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING PARTY

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 5611/12 with the addition of an information point by the FR delegation regarding a manual of best practices.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Chair referred to the written report of the cybercrime conference held in Cyprus on 15-16 October, as set out in doc. 16687/12 ENFOPOL 387 DROIPEN 172, as well as to the report of the ENPPF meeting of 4 December (doc. 17781/12), which would be presented at the next meeting.

Finally, the Chair reported on the meeting of the coordination mechanism held at the end of November.

3. Firearms issues

3.1 Experts meeting on firearms (Nicosia, 9/10 October)

The Chair of the European Firearms Experts (EFE) reported on the latest meeting of the network held on 9-10 October 2012 (doc. DS 1859/12) and highlighted the most important conclusions, notably on the need for binding rules on deactivation and the need for a better cooperation with the customs authorities. The meeting also took note of the glossary of firearms technology as prepared by the EFE, (doc. DS 1860/12).

Several delegations supported the conclusions and in particular the need for rules on deactivation, the fact that these need to be binding in order to be effective and the urgency of this matter, stating that the target date of 2015 as set by COM is too late. The COM representative explained that a reflection had started among the different Commission services on this subject and work would be intensified in the coming months.

3.2 Firearms Conference (Brussels, 19 November)

The COM representative reported on the Firearms Conference held on 19 November 2012 and the conclusions thereof, notably:

- the wish that combating firearms trafficking would be a policy cycle priority
- the need for improving cooperation on this subject between COM, EEAS, NATO and the UN
- the need to address Internet abuse in this field
- the requirement for training of law enforcement officers on this subject.

He also explained that DG HOME had set up an internal task force on firearms to look at the issue from all different angles, with a view to presenting a communication in October 2013. Furthermore, an inter-service group would be re-activated and a formal expert group would be set up gathering participants from law enforcement, research and industry on this subject in order to support COM with their expertise and verify certain ideas.

4. TISPOL

4.1 Report on the road policing seminar (Nicosia, 27/29 November)

4.2 TISPOL Action Plan 2013

The TISPOL President presented the history, current work, recent activities and 2013 Action Plan of TISPOL, highlighting the addition of road security to its strategy. In that context, TISPOL attaches great importance to the cooperation with different stakeholders, such as the LEWP, COM and Europol but also private partners such as Euro Control Route or the International Transport Union.

The BE delegation welcomed the work done by TISPOL and the closer cooperation with the LEWP and encouraged complementarity between TISPOL and CARPOL.

5. Vehicle Crime

5.1 Experts meeting on vehicle crime (Larnaca, 20/21 November)

The CY expert extensively presented the outcome of the experts meeting on vehicle crime held on 20-21 November 2012 (doc. 17583/12 ENFOPOL 414) as well as the proposals made by this network regarding its name, aims, structure, logo and long-lasting agenda (doc. 17584/12 ENFOPOL 415).

Several delegations expressed concerns about the new name and structure and suggested to change the logo to avoid the words "working group". Delegations were invited to send in further comments to document 17584/12 by 25 January 2013, with a view to examining a revised version at the next LEWP meeting.

The incoming IE Presidency would also honour the request of numerous delegations to discuss the role that LEWP should play in steering this and other networks and expert groups.

The meeting took note of document 17848/12 ENFOPOL 422 on mechanical and high tech tools used for vehicle theft and agreed that COM be invited to study the legality of producing and marketing these devices as well as determine possible countermeasures.

5.2 Final report on JPO CYCAR

The meeting took note of the report of JPO CYCAR as set out in doc. 17543/12 ENFOPOL 411 ENFOCUSTOM 141 TRANS 456.

5.3 EMPACT WB - Planning of the Operational Action Plan 2013

The meeting agreed on the proposal of the Italian delegation for a Joint Police Operation in the framework of the EMPACT project on Western Balkans (doc. DS 1844/12).

6. ENVICRIME NET meeting (The Hague, 25/26 October)

The NL and BE members of the EnviCrimeNet steering group presented the current set-up and functioning of the network and reported on the latest meeting held on 25-26 October 2012. They referred to a number of case studies that were presented at this meeting and explained the perspectives for the coming work, notably on sharing information. Further information on this network can be found on www.envicrimenet.eu.

7. Addition of new countries to the list of third States and non-EU-related bodies with which the Director of EUROPOL may start negotiations on cooperation agreements

The meeting agreed on the draft Council Decision amending Decision 2009/935/JHA as regards the list of third States and organisations with which Europol shall conclude agreements, as set out in doc. 16229/12 ENFOPOL 373 JAIEX 111 OC 688.

This lawyer-linguist version of the draft Decision would be frozen until the opinion of the European Parliament would be received.

8. Presentation of the Irish Presidency Programme

The IE delegation set out the general framework for its incoming Presidency, presented the priorities for the LEWP, the LEWP Presidency team, the dates for the meeting in the first semester of 2013 as well as the planned expert group meeting dates.

9. Any other business

The FR delegation provided information about a draft manual it is elaborating in the framework of the Austrian PEP initiative (Police Equal Performance) regarding the assessment of Codes of Conduct for law enforcement authorities. The draft manual is set out in doc. DS 1804/12 and was discussed at a first expert meeting on 27 November and would be further examined and reviewed at an expert meeting on 29 January 2013. The FR delegation invited Member States to send experts to participate in this work, which would deliver a manual for use by the Western Balkan countries.
