



**COUNCIL OF  
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**ENFOPOL 16**

**OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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of: Working Party on Terrorism

on: 17 January 2013

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Subject: Summary of discussions

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**1. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as set out in CM 1043/13 with the addition of a point under any AOB by NL to introduce the seminar on CLEAN IT and a point by the LT delegation on a questionnaire to be circulated in view of its upcoming Presidency.

**2. Presentation of the TWP and COTER work programmes during the Irish Presidency**

The Presidency presented its work programme, highlighting its general approach aiming at encompassing all terrorism-related issues as well as at focusing on some recurring issues, such as radicalisation and recruitment. With regard to COTER, the Presidency mentioned that the priorities included human rights compliance in the fight against terrorism, exploring ways to reinforce the links between development and security, the development of the EU and MS role in tackling radicalisation and recruitment, and exploring the interconnectivity between the fight against money laundering, the fight against organised crime, terrorist financing and fight against terrorism.

The Commission provided information about its ongoing work and reflections on initiatives for the semester and beyond. A communication could be issued in the autumn building on the outcome of the RAN conference scheduled for 29 January. The Commission was also working on a communication on critical infrastructure protection, to be issued possibly in April. A reflection on what type of action could be taken under Article 75 TFEU was also being carried out and could lead to a proposal in late spring or early summer. A mid-term report was to be submitted on the TFTP agreement with the US before 1 August 2013.

### **3. Information by the Presidency**

The Presidency recalled the RAN Conference scheduled on 29 January and the CLEAN IT final symposium due to take place on 30 January. Furthermore, it provided information on the Global Cyber-security Conference organised by the European Security Roundtable and the Estonian MoD, also taking place on 30 January. Finally, the Presidency mentioned that the UK National Counter-Terrorism office was hosting courses on CT protective security in 2013 for practitioners in the field.

### **4. Incidents of Significant Interest - Information from Member States**

The Presidency explained that this item was replacing the item “ENFOPOL 30” that figured on agendas of previous meetings, in view of the misgivings and reservations expressed by delegations on that type of arrangement. Delegations would be requested to notify the Presidency in advance if they wished to raise any issue under this new item; in any case raising issues at the meeting would always be possible.

Several delegations took the floor to provide information about terrorism-related issues.

### **5. Presentation by INTCEN of the Work Programme for the first six months of 2013 (EU RESTREINT)**

A representative of INTCEN presented its work programme for the first semester of 2013.

## **6. Irish Related Terrorism**

- Introduction
- The Road to Peace
- Current Threat and CT Operations
- Development and Use of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)

The IE and UK delegations made a presentation about Irish related terrorism. In particular, the IE delegation provided a historical overview of the terrorist issue in Northern Ireland and the road to peace, including an assessment of the current threat.

## **7. Presentation of INTCEN Report– AQIM Funding and Supply (EU Confidential)**

A representative of INTCEN made a presentation of a report on AQIM.

## **8. Disrupting Terrorist Financing / Seizure of Assets – Irish Legislation & Experience.**

The IE delegation made a presentation about the Irish legislation and experience on the seizure of assets in the framework of the fight against terrorist financing.

## **9. Security of a Major Event - OSCE Ministerial Meeting Dublin – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012.**

The IE delegation made a presentation on the organisation, logistics and security of the above-mentioned event.

## **10. G8 Summit Northern Ireland – 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

The UK delegation informed on preparations for the G8 Summit to take place in June 2013 and mentioned a number of challenges to be taken into account in the coming months.

## **11. Information on counter-terrorism activities 2013**

- **European Commission**
- **Europol**
- **CTC**

No information was provided under this agenda item.

## **12. AOB**

The NL delegation drew partners' attention to the final symposium on CLEAN IT.

The LT delegation announced that a questionnaire would be circulated soon in order to elicit proposals and suggestions for the TWP work under the incoming Presidency (July – December 2013)<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Note from the Secretariat: The questionnaire was issued with number CM 1237/13.