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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of:	Meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
on:	6 February 2013
Subject:	Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda set out in document CM 1198/13 was approved with addition of an information point on a Conference on cannabis under AOB.

2. Information concerning the proceedings of other EU bodies

The HDG was updated about some recent events of relevance to antidrug policy, including the compromise proposal concerning drug-related funding foreseen for the next financial period and the discussion at the Customs Union Group on the draft resolution on drug precursors for the forthcoming CND session.

3. Discussion on the draft EU Drugs Action Plan 2013-2016

The delegations discussed the "International cooperation", "Drug demand reduction" and "Information, research, monitoring and evaluation" chapters of the draft EU Action Plan on Drugs 2013-2016, set out in doc. 5418/13 CORDROGUE 5 SAN 18 ENFOPOL 12 RELEX 42. The delegates commented on the number and definition of indicators and a few suggestions were made, including dividing the indicators into compulsory and optional ones. Also, delegations deliberated on the content of the assessment tools and asked for clarification on some of the indicated assessment tools, including the procedure for Member State reporting. A few new actions were proposed concerning training of the officers dealing with drugs and integrating the universal prevention programmes into schools and kindergartens. The deadline for sending written comments was set at 11 February 2013.

4. Council Decision 2005/387/JHA on the information exchange, risk-assessment and control of new psychoactive substances

a) State of play concerning the risk assessment on a new psychoactive substance 4-methylamphetamine

The representative of the EMCDDA presented the findings of the risk assessment report on 4-methylamphetamine contained in doc. 17275/12 CORDROGUE 98 SAN 320 and the representative of the Commission informed the delegates that based on these findings, the Commission proposed to the Council to subject this new psychoactive substance to control measures (doc. 5419/13 CORDROGUE 6). A number of delegations indicated that this substance was already controlled under their national legislation or measures were taken to place it under national control. The delegates agreed on the above-mentioned proposal subject to the waiting reserve from the Slovak delegation.

b) State of play concerning the risk assessment on a new psychoactive substance 5-(2-aminopropyl)indole (5-IT)

The representative of the EMCDDA presented the findings of the joint report on 5-(2-aminopropyl)indole (5-IT), contained in doc. 17791/12 CORDROGUE 102 SAN 331.

The Presidency informed the meeting that based on the request of the number of Member States and the European Commission on 22 January 2013 the Council agreed to request the EMCDDA to conduct the risk assessment on this new psychoactive substance.

c) Legislation on new psychoactive substances

The representative of the Commission informed the delegates that the new legislative proposal concerning new psychoactive substances should be tabled by the end of the IE Presidency. She also explained that the Commission was aiming for a light, flexible and efficient instrument and that they were in the stage of defining the best options concerning this legislative proposal. The Presidency encouraged the Commission to table the proposal as quickly as possible.

5. Preparation for the 56th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

a) Update on developments in Vienna

The Presidency updated the delegations about the preparation for the forthcoming CND session to be held on 11-15 March 2013 in Vienna, also mentioning a few possible resolutions to be presented by third countries.

b) Draft resolutions

The delegations provided further comments on the draft UK (doc. DS 1008/1/13 REV 1), DE (doc. DS 1011/1/13 REV 1) and FI resolutions for the 56th session of the CND (doc. DS 1029/1/13 REV 1), which had been amended to take into consideration the comments of delegations provided during and after the last HDG meeting held on 9 January 2013. As regards the latter resolution, some delegations, including Europol, expressed their scepticism about the possibility to use the results of drug profiling for successful law enforcement operations based on their previous experience with similar projects.

The representative of the Commission presented the proposal for the resolution on drug precursors (doc. DS 1089/13) aiming at targeting non-scheduled substances which were diverted into drug precursors, explaining that this was a growing problem. The DK delegation promised to present this resolution on their name at the CND session, provided that it could be tabled as an EU resolution.

The CZ and RO delegations presented their draft resolution (doc. DS 1098/13) aiming to support the political declaration on HIV endorsed in 2011, explaining that there was quite a significant risk of the spread of drug-related HIV infection from Russia and Ukraine. A number of delegations expressed support for such a resolution. The FR delegation informed the meeting that they were also preparing a draft resolution for the 56th CND session concerning drug trafficking in West Africa.

The delegations were requested to provide their comments on the draft UK, DE and FI resolutions by 8 February 2013 and on the draft CZ/RO resolution by 11 February 2013, after which the revised versions of resolutions would be issued and the silence procedure concerning their tabling as EU resolutions would be launched. The deadline for sending the comments on the drug precursor resolution was set at 8 February 2013 and the delegates were asked to coordinate their comments and to transmit them through their CUG delegations.

One delegation initiated a discussion on the financial implications of the resolutions to be tabled as EU resolution so as not to raise false expectations concerning EU financing for the activities foreseen in the resolutions. Another delegation noted that many resolutions adopted at CND mentioned the need for extra resources, however, it was for the UNODC management board together with major donors at a later stage to decide what funding was needed and which resources it could be received from. The UK delegation informed the meeting that together with the United States and Japan they had allocated financial resources to fund the system foreseen in their resolution.

6. Methodological framework for drugs-related data collection in prison settings

The representative of the EMCDDA presented their contribution into developing the above-mentioned methodological framework, contained in doc. 5420/13 CORDROGUE 7 SAN 19 and informed the meeting that a revised version of this document would be issued after the meeting.

7. Joint EMCDDA/Europol report “The European Drug Market-A Strategic Analysis”

The representatives of the Commission and EMCDDA presented the above-mentioned report, contained in doc. 5421/13 CORDROGUE 8 ENFOPOL 13, which combined knowledge of both EMCDDA and Europol on drug markets and which would also feed into developing the new EU policy cycle. The speakers noted that drug trafficking continued to be the main activity of organised crime groups, as this brought the largest revenue, however, comparing with past years, it had gained flexibility - multi-commodity trafficking existed, trafficking groups exchanged drugs as modes of payments and there was a variety of trafficking routes, also, it was possible to buy illicit drugs on Internet.

8. Preparation for EU-Western Balkans dialogue on drugs

The Presidency reminded the delegations about the forthcoming meeting with Western Balkans to be held on 26 February 2013 (doc. CM 1201/13) and encouraged them to actively participate in the meeting. The representative of the Commission informed the delegates about the stocktaking exercise launched with a view to updating the EU-Western Balkans commitment to fight against drugs.

9. AOB

- *Implementation of the Council Conclusions on cooperation between the EU and Eastern Europe in the field of drugs*

The representative of the Commission informed the meeting about the stocktaking exercise on the implementation of the above-mentioned document to be launched in March.

- *Bolivian re-accession to the 1961 UN Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs*

The Presidency informed the meeting that Bolivia had re-accessed the above-mentioned Convention due to insufficient number of objections to their reserve.

- *Drug Supply Indicators*

The representative of the Commission informed the meeting that a document (possibly Council conclusions) on the above-mentioned issue would be drafted for the April HDG meeting. A few delegations recalled their concerns about the initial indicators presented.

- *Conference on cannabis*

The SE delegation informed the delegates about a high level conference concerning cannabis to be organised on 20-21 November 2013, explaining that the preliminary invitations would be provided during the CND session in Vienna.
