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of: Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI)
Mixed Committee (UE-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)

on: 17 April 2013

Subject : Summary of discussions

MIXED COMMITTEE

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. 8393/13.

2. Information from the Presidency:

- **Final report Project Group "Measure 4"**

COSI took note of the final report of the Project Group on Measure 4 (doc. 15906/1/12 REV 1) and agreed to formally close this project group and to continue the "Seahorse Mediterraneo" project in the framework of the European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR). COSI and other competent Council bodies would be kept informed by ES regarding the state of play of the Seahorse Mediterranean Network project.

- **OAP "Illegal Immigration"**

The Presidency called upon delegations to volunteer to lead actions 5.2 and 6.1 of the Operational Action Plan on Illegal Immigration (doc. 16440/2/13 REV 2 (EU RESTRICTED)). Delegations participating in the OAP were requested to react before 30 April 2013.

3. Presentation Frontex Annual Risk Assessment

The Committee took note of the findings and recommendations of the Frontex' Annual Risk Assessment (ARA) 2013 as presented by the Frontex Director.

4. Any other business

No items were raised.

COSI

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. 8393/13 with the addition of one item ("Foreign fighters") under AOB at the request of the BE delegation.

2. EU Policy Cycle

- **Presentation and discussion of the SOCTA**

COSI took note of the executive summary of the EU Serious and Organised Crime Threat Assessment as set out in doc. 7368/13 which contained a set of recommended crime priorities based on Member States' contributions and following an agreed methodology. The Europol Director underlined that in general the threat picture was one of further globalisation with organised crime groups operating on an international basis with multiple partners and in multiple crime areas and countries.

- **Policy Advisory Document and draft Council Conclusions on the Policy Cycle priorities**

After an in-depth discussion, COSI reached an agreement on the Policy Advisory Document (PAD), as set out in doc. 8453/2/13 REV 2 and on the draft Council conclusions setting the EU's priorities for the fight against organised crime between 2014 and 2017 (see doc. 8710/13). These draft conclusions would be submitted for approval to the Council on 6-7 June 2013. Regarding the crime priority on drugs, it was agreed that synthetic drugs trafficking and cocaine/heroin trafficking could have separate drivers and co-drivers.

- **Identification of relevant actors on priorities**

Various delegations indicated that they would participate in the implementation of the crime priorities, starting with via the MASP workshops which would be held in the period June - July 2013. Delegations were invited to inform the General Secretariat of the Council of the relevant details of the participants and drivers/co-drivers by 23 April 2013.

3. Second Report on Implementation of the Internal Security Strategy in Action: presentation by the Commission

COSI took note of the "Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - Second Annual Report on the implementation of the EU Internal Security Strategy in Action" as set out in doc. 8410/13 JAI 282.

Some delegations indicated that they were still examining the report and made some preliminary comments, *i.a.* regarding the references to the European Information Exchange Model, the Cybercrime Centre, the Solidarity Clause and the merger of Europol and CEPOL.

4. Draft Council Conclusions on strengthening the internal security authorities' involvement in security-related research and industrial policy

Based on the comments from the UK (DS 1312/13) and FR delegation the Presidency would draft a revised version of the draft Council Conclusions on strengthening the internal security authorities' involvement in security-related research and industrial policy which would be submitted to COREPER/Council (doc. 5920/4/13 REV 4).

5. Any other business

- Information from the Presidency (meeting of Chairman of COSI with LIBE Committee)

The Chairman briefly informed the Committee about his participation in the LIBE Committee meeting on 21 March 2013.

- Information from the Commission (implementation of the TFTP Agreement)

The Commission representative referred to the second joint review of the Agreement carried out in the autumn and informed delegations about future steps namely preparation of the upcoming joint report regarding the value of TFTP Provided Data and the importance of delegations' input for this report. He also indicated that a statement had been corrected in the last paragraph of chapter 2.1.7 of the review.

- Information from the Spanish delegation (Establishment of a Platform in Bogota for the exchange of Information on Transatlantic Cocaine Trafficking)

The ES delegation stressed the need to intensify efforts to combat cocaine trafficking and to cooperate and exchange information regarding cocaine trafficking. He informed the meeting about the state of play of the Bogota Platform and expressed his gratitude for Member States' support and participation at the inaugural session on 13 March 2013.

- Foreign fighters

The BE delegation, supported by the NL and FR delegation, underlined the importance of discussing the issue of foreign fighters in the appropriate Council bodies, including COSI-PSC with a view to developing a global approach to tackle this issue. It would also welcome an analysis of the situation by INTCEN and Europol.

The PR acknowledged the importance of discussing the matter and stated that it would be discussed at a forthcoming meeting of the COSI Support Group and at COSI in June 2013.
