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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Customs Cooperation Working Party (Experts Meeting)

on: 13 May 2013

Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as outlined in doc. CM 2685/13

2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency gave an overview of the main issues of interest for the CCWP Experts, as referred to in doc. DS 1370/13.

3. Update of the Multi-annual overview of JCOs and other operations

The Presidency presented the updated multi-annual review of JCOs and other operations (doc. 5194/2/13 REV 2 ENFOCUSTOM 6 RESTREINT UE) with one operation added. DK noted that JCO Athena III should be marked as completed. LT informed of a new regional operation and OLAF informed of a renamed operation.

4. Discussion on Tactical objectives and risk areas for 2014-2015

The Presidency presented a proposal on a new way of organising the risk areas by dividing them in two groups (doc. DS 1371/13): core risk areas and additional risk areas of interest, but not solely within the customs competence. The Presidency also reminded the delegates that as per proposed amendment of the Guide to JCOs (doc. DS 1188/1/13 REV 1), adding and/or removing risk areas would necessitate preparation of an information sheet containing justification. The proposal was endorsed by the delegates and would be presented to the CCWP plenary meeting.

5. Annual Review of the Guide to JCOs

The Presidency presented its updated proposal (doc. DS 1188/1/13 REV 1) for the review of the Guide to JCOs (doc. 10837/2/12 REV 2 ENFOCUSTOM 49). In a follow up to the discussion at the previous CCWP Experts meeting held in March 2012 (doc. 7641/13 ENFOCUSTOM 44), the Presidency briefed the group on procedural issues related to joint operations of interest to two working parties (such as LEWP and CCWP). The Presidency clarified that only one Working Party is to approve the preparations and it is up to the Presidency to coordinate and communicate with other Working Party(-ies) as appropriate. Police and customs can still be involved in JCOs/JPOs respectively - without a formal sign-off of their WP. The proposal was endorsed by delegations and is to be presented to the CCWP plenary meeting.

6. JCOs and other Customs Operations

- Presentation on business case for the Operation Warehouse (LT)

The LT delegation presented the business case for the Operation Warehouse as outlined in the doc. 9178/13 ENFOCUSTOM 79 RESTREINT UE. MS are to provide comments as well as expressions of interest to participate by MAB mail to the LT contact point till 5 June 2013.

- **Regional Maritime Operation Halyard (IE)**

The Presidency briefed delegations on the preparations of the Regional Maritime Operation Halyard, and OLAF gave a presentation on the development of the new Virtual Operations Coordination Unit (VOCU) software that is being used for the first time to support operation Halyard.

7. Initiative on identification of learning points arising from operations outside the direct auspices of the CCWP

The Presidency presented the initial findings (list of relevant operations and proposed methodology) and recommendations on learning points arising from the operations outside the direct auspices of the CCWP (doc. DS 1372/13). The proposal was endorsed by the delegates and would be presented to the CCWP plenary meeting.

8. Permanent structure to run JCOs

The Presidency presented the draft document (doc. DS 1373/13) to be submitted to the CCWP plenary meeting, summing up the majority support (from an operational point of view) for setting up a permanent structure, but acknowledging that a revision of the document is needed and will be distributed to delegations in the follow up to the meeting to better take into account the diversity of opinions on the need of possible permanent structure.

9. Update on Project Group meeting - Air Transit passengers (CY)

The CY delegation briefed the group on the status of work of the project group on threat assessment of air transit passengers. The project group had its first meeting in March 2013, and a questionnaire on air transit passengers (doc. CM 2398/13) was distributed to the MS with a deadline of 10 May. As only 9 MS replied, CY and the Presidency urged the delegations to provide their replies as soon as possible.

10. Annual review of the JCO Library

The Presidency informed the group of its request to OLAF to set up a sub-folder on regional JCOs in the JCO library.

11. Incoming Lithuanian Presidency priorities

The incoming LT Presidency informed the group of its main priorities (fight against cigarette smuggling, implementation of the 6th Action Plan, and preparation of the 7th Action Plan). The CCWP Experts meetings are to be held in September and December 2013 (tbc).

12. AOB

No item was raised.
