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CORDROGUE 42

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Drugs

on: 23 May 2013

Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda set out in document CM 2921/13 was approved with the addition of the following information points under AOB:

- Drug supply indicators;
- Drug Prevention and Information Programme;
- International conference on cannabis and health.

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

The delegations provided the final comments on the draft Action Plan, outlined in doc. 5418/3/13 REV 3 CORDROGUE 5 SAN 18 ENFOPOL 12 RELEX 42. Taking into account these comments, the working group endorsed the Action Plan with a view to submitting it to COREPER and Council.

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

a) EMCDDA–Europol 2012 Annual Report on the implementation of Council Decision 2005/387/JHA

The representative of the EMCDDA presented the above-mentioned report outlined in doc. 8997/13 CORDROGUE 30. In reply to an inquiry from the Presidency, the speaker explained that cooperation with the European Medicines Agency (EMA) was increasing.

b) Council decision on subjecting 4-methylamphetamine to control measures

The Presidency reminded delegations that the Council adopted a decision to subject 4-methylamphetamine to control measures and that Member States shall take the necessary national measures by 17 March 2014.

c) Legislation on new psychoactive substances

The representative of the Commission informed the delegates that the proposal for the above-mentioned legislation should be adopted by the Commission in a few months, explaining that it was not possible to spell out a more concrete date. The incoming Lithuanian Presidency announced that this proposal would be dealt with in the HDG.

4. European Drug Report 2013

The representative of the EMCDDA announced that the new EMCDDA report on the drug situation in Europe would be launched on 28 May 2013 and due to the revision of the reporting procedure, would contain more visual material, be shorter, issued earlier in the year and be adapted to the changed ways of receiving information comparing to 1995-1996, when the EMCDDA annual report was initiated.

5. Preparation for:

(a) Shared session/event involving EU Civil Society Forum on Drugs and the HDG

The representative of the Commission reminded the delegations that a joint event with the Civil Society Forum on Drugs was foreseen on 25 June 2013 at 4 pm and that they were working on the agenda of the meeting. Delegations were requested to propose possible topics and inform the organisers about their participation in the meeting. The Presidency encouraged the active participation of the delegations in this event.

(b) EU-Pakistan dialogue on drugs

The Presidency informed the meeting that the above-mentioned meeting would not be held on 27 June 2013 as foreseen due to the unavailability of Pakistan's delegation to participate in the meeting on this date, therefore an alternative date of 25 June 2013 was proposed.

(c) EU-Brazil dialogue on drugs

The group was informed that the above-mentioned meeting could be held on 27 June 2013, possibly as a whole day meeting, subject to availability of all relevant Brazilian authorities to participate in the meeting on this date.

(d) Dublin Group meeting

The FR delegation announced that the Dublin Group meeting would be organised on 28 June 2013 and two thematic debates on new psychoactive substances and on money laundering/seizure and confiscation of criminal assets would be held.

6. *Draft declaration updating the EU-Western Balkans commitment to fight against drugs*

The representative of the Commission presented the above-mentioned declaration contained in doc. DS 1387/13 and called the process of developing this declaration. Delegations were asked to provide comments on the document by 4 June 2013 at the latest with a view to presenting the revised document at the June HDG meeting and transmitting it to the JAI-RELEX working group for further coordination with Western Balkans.

7. *Preparation of the XVth High Level meeting of the EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs*

This topic was discussed in the presence of the CELAC delegations.

a) Organisational aspects

The CELAC co-Presidency updated the delegates on the organisational aspects of the forthcoming High Level meeting to be held in Quito on 13-14 June 2013.

b) Draft agenda

The CELAC co-Presidency informed the delegates that they were developing the agenda of the High Level meeting and delegations agreed on four topics for thematic debates concerning alternative development, effectiveness of drug policies, drug prevention programmes for vulnerable groups and possible links between trafficking of illicit drugs and other criminal activities.

c) Draft political declaration

Delegations examined the first 13 paragraphs of the draft Quito declaration contained in doc. DS 1041/1/13 REV 1.

d) Annual report

The CELAC co-Presidency provided comments on the annual report concerning the EU-CELAC cooperation, contained in doc. DS 1042/13 suggesting to include more detailed information on concrete activities and outcomes of various components of the Cocaine Route Programme. Instead of providing more detailed information, it was proposed to include references for further search of information in the report with a view to keeping the report short and focused, as done over the last few years.

8. AOB

- *Drug supply indicators*

The representative of the Commission thanked delegations for the comments they sent on developing drug supply indicators and informed the meeting about the intention to discuss this issue further during the June HDG meeting.

- *Drug Prevention and Information Programme*

The representative of the Commission reminded the delegates about the call launched on 8 May 2013 concerning the above-mentioned programme and encouraged active participation.

- *International conference on cannabis and health*

The SE delegation announced the above-mentioned conference to be held on 20-21 November 2013 and hoped for a wide participation.