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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Working Party on Terrorism

on: 19 June 2013

Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as outlined in CM 3234/13, with the addition of points under AOB requested by Europol and FI.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency said that the Council conclusions calling for an update of the EU Strategy for Combating Radicalisation and Recruitment to Terrorism had been adopted by the Council at the meeting in June (doc. 9447/13). The Council had also expressed broad support for the paper on foreign fighters prepared by the CTC (doc. 9946/13) and the suggestions included therein.

3. Incidents of Significant Interest – Tour de Table

Some MS provided information about incidents of significant interest that had happened in their countries since the last meeting.

4. Presentation by IntCen (EU CONFIDENTIAL)

A representative of IntCen made a presentation classified EU CONFIDENTIAL.

5. Presentation by NL – Exercises pertaining to:

- i. Explosives
- ii. Nuclear and Radiological Terrorism

The NL delegation made a presentation about two exercises, on explosives and on nuclear and radiological terrorism, that will be organised in the coming months.

6. Presentation by FBI: – Boston Marathon Bombings (EU CONFIDENTIAL)

A representative of the FBI made a presentation about the Boston Marathon Bombings.

7. Article 75 TFEU - Update from the Commission

The Commission provided some information on the study conducted by an external consultant with regard to a possible proposal under Article 75 TFEU. The study had examined existing systems in some MS and had considered options for an EU wide system. The most viable option would seem to create an EU system that should be complementary to national systems, and would complete and reinforce them. Any proposal for such a system would also include safeguards and procedural guarantees. However, the question of the added value of such a system remained open, and this consideration led the Commission to not present a proposal for the time being. Some delegations took the floor underlining the political value of asset freezing and the need to have an homogenous EU system also in order to show the EU commitment in the fight against terrorism. Delegations requested the Commission to provide a political explanation at the appropriate level.

8. Presentation by Lithuania: - Overview of TWP Work Programme under the Lithuanian Presidency

The LT delegation made a presentation about its work programme for the next semester. The key priority would be to start preparations for the update of the Strategy on radicalisation and recruitment. In this context, the incoming Presidency aimed at examining some relevant issues such as the use of firearms for terrorist purposes, the role of media/internet in radicalisation and recruitment, and the use of travel information for counter-terrorism purposes. The dates for TWP meetings are 16 July, 17 July (jointly with COTER), 12 September, 9 October, 15 November.

9. AOB

A representative of Europol provided an update about recent and future activities. A focal point on terrorist travel would be opened by the end of June. A task force on terrorist travel could be established at a later stage.

The FI delegation referred to the email circulated by the Secretariat on 10 June about its national counter-terrorism strategy and the invitation contained therein for MS to send their own national CT strategies and approaches to the address provided, if possible by 1 July.
