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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Law Enforcement Working Party

on: 20 June 2013

Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 3141/13.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Chair reported on the outcome of the Council debate of 7 June regarding the draft Europol Regulation, which concentrated on the merger of CEPOL and Europol as proposed by the Commission and the information supply by Member States to Europol.

He also pointed out that on this subject so far two opinions on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality had been received from national parliaments (doc. 10978/13 + COR 1 and doc. 11288/13). Finally, attention was drawn to the opinion of the EDPS on this proposal (doc. 10468/13), the opinion of the Europol JSB (doc. 10988/13) and a Resolution issued from the Conference of European Data Protection Authorities (doc. 10984/13).

3. Proposal for a Regulation on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation and Training (Europol) and repealing Decisions 2009/371/JHA and 2005/681/JHA

Pursuant to the conclusions of the Council debate on 7 June, the Chair explained that debates would concentrate on those issues that are not related to the proposed merger or to law enforcement training.

The meeting examined the proposal chapter by chapter, based on a brief presentation by the Commission, followed by general comments from delegations.

The main questions, comments and suggestions were related to:

- the tasks of Europol, notably the Union centres of expertise and Europol's role in the initiation of criminal investigations
- the supply of information by Member States
- the application of the common approach for decentralised agencies to Europol
- the practical implementation of the provisions on processing of information
- the legal basis required for the transfer of personal data to third countries
- the data protection authority for Europol.

4. Any other business

The incoming LT Presidency informed the meeting that it had planned 9 full meeting days to examine the draft Europol Regulation, starting on 11 July with an article-by-article examination. The following meetings would be on 4-5 September, 9-10 October, 19-20 November and 2 days to be defined in December.