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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 10 September 2013
To: Customs Cooperation Working Party (Experts meeting)
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as outlined in doc. CM 3895/1/13 REV 1.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency gave an overview of the main issues of interest for the CCWP, as referred to in doc. DS 1632/13.

3. Information on the outcome of the last meeting of the Coordination mechanism for joint operations

The Presidency informed the CCWP Experts of the outcomes of the last meeting of the coordination mechanism between CCWP, LEWP, Frontex, and Europol for joint operations, which was held under the Irish Presidency. It was concluded that there is no duplication of operations. Next coordination meeting would be held under the Lithuanian Presidency.

4. Advanced Detection of Stolen Vehicles Training (ADESVET)

Frontex gave a presentation on specialised training in the field of detection of stolen vehicles, and informed of progress in rolling out of the training system into the MS in national languages. So far, more than 200 national trainer activities were organised, more than 2000 officers were trained, and more than 1000 stolen vehicles detected. Frontex confirmed its openness to co-operation with the CCWP and MS on making the training tool widely accessible.

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

The Presidency presented the updates of the multi-annual review of JCOs and other operations (doc. 5194/4/13 REV 4 ENFOCUSTOM 6 RESTREINT UE). OLAF provided additional information on upcoming operation SNAKE.

6. JCOs and other Customs Operations

– Operation Gryphon (WCO)

WCO briefed the delegations on the upcoming global operation Gryphon and encouraged further MS to join. Existing meetings and forums will be used to further disseminate information about the operation and discuss it with MS. The need to coordinate joint operations was underlined, to avoid overlap and foster complementarity.

– Operation Warehouse (LT) - presentation for adoption of the Business case

The LT delegation presented the revised version of the business case (doc. 9178/1/13 REV 1 ENFOCUSTOM 79 RESTREINT UE) based on the input received. A large majority of MS replied to the questionnaire related to the organisation of the JCO and the main findings of the survey were presented by LT. The delegations approved the business case.

– JCO on IPR (EL) - presentation of the Business case

The EL delegation presented the draft business case for JCO Ermis, as outlined in doc. 12682/13 ENFOCUSTOM 125 RESTREINT UE. MS were invited to provide comments by 30 September 2013 to the EL contact point, as well as expressions of interest to participate, using MAB mailbox.

– **JCPO Athena IV (LV) - presentation of the Business case**

The LV delegation presented the draft business case for JCPO Athena IV, as outlined in doc. 13296/13 ENFOCUSTOM 131 ENFOPOL 278 RESTREINT UE. MS were invited to provide comments by 30 September 2013 to the LV contact point, as well as expressions of interest to participate, using MAB mailbox.

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

The IE delegation briefed the CCWP Experts on the main outcomes of the regional maritime operation Halyard, focused on smuggling from South America, Caribbean and West and North Africa with the use of yachts and small vessels. The use of Virtual Operations Coordination Unit (V-OCU) was very successful, and is recommended.

– **Operation SNAKE (OLAF)**

OLAF provided information on the briefing and V-OCU training for the upcoming Operation Snake.

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

The Presidency outlined the work of the newly formed CCWP Experts Project Group (DE, DK, EL, ES, and LT) based on the methodology approved under the Irish Presidency (doc. DS 1372/13). To further proceed with the analysis of lessons learnt, the Project Group prepared a questionnaire (doc. CM 3897/13) to identify the best practice of operations organised by international organisations. MS are invited to provide their replies by 11 October 2011.

8. Virtual Operations Coordination Unit (V-OCU)

OLAF gave a presentation on the functionalities of the new release of the V-OCU software that was used for the first time to support operation Halyard.

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

The CY delegation briefed the CCWP Experts on the progress of the Project Group work. While 22 MS provided replies, the remaining MS were urged to respond to the questionnaire(doc. CM 2398/13). The aim of the Project Group is to finalise the analysis of the replies at its meeting in October, and to present the conclusions in December 2013 or January 2014 at the latest.

10. European Tracking Solutions project (ETS) - concept and state-of-play

Europol presented the European Tracking Solutions (ETS) project to provide technical support in joint cross-border operation through a central gateway to facilitate exchange of tracking information between MS.

11. Cybercrime in customs - possible ways forward

The CZ delegation gave a presentation on cybercrime in customs, drawing on the work done under the 5th Action Plan within the action 5.2 "To examine the working/investigative techniques applied by customs and other law enforcement authorities to combat customs related crime, including organised crime, through the Internet, and to explore the current situation regarding the existence of customs Internet crime specialised units" (doc. 17225/1/12 REV 1 ENFOCUSTOM 137) led by CZ.

12. Use of Data mining to detect violations within the competence of customs authorities

The LT delegation gave a presentation on data mining and its use by Customs Authorities. The MS were invited to express their interest to join a permanent international working group on data mining (deadline: 31 October 2013).

13. AOB

No item was raised.
