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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 11 September 2013
To: Horizontal Working Party on Drugs
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 4073/13.

2. Information concerning the proceedings of other EU bodies

The Presidency informed the delegations about the progress on the Multi-Annual Strategic Plans (MASP) concerning cocaine and heroin and synthetic drugs in the framework of the EU policy cycle.

3. New psychoactive substances: Commission proposal for a Council decision on 5 IT (5-(2-Aminopropyl)indole)

The delegations welcomed the content of the above-mentioned Commission proposal and the meeting endorsed the document containing several amendments, as outlined in doc. 13265/13 CORDROGUE 82. The proposal will now be submitted for adoption to COREPER/Council.

4. Cooperation with civil society

The representative of the CLS explained the legal provisions concerning the participation of third parties in the meetings of the Council and its preparatory bodies and the procedure to be followed if the Presidency decided to invite a third party to the meeting for a specific point of the agenda.

Many delegations welcomed this discussion and examined ways to enhance cooperation with civil society in the field of drugs, stressing the importance of their expertise and agreeing that their participation should be based on the agenda. Some delegations also noted that these provisions should not only be applied to NGOs working in the field of drugs, but also to scientists.

5. Preparation for the High Level CND session in 2014

The representative of the CLS explained the legal provisions concerning the representation at the High level CND session in 2014. Following this explanation, the Presidency noted that the HDG would have a steering role in defining in broad terms of a common position of the EU and its Member States for the CND and would be kept informed about the developments of the situation in Vienna. Furthermore, during the CND session in Vienna and intersessions the Commission/EEAS would speak on the issues falling under EU competence and the mandated Member State, i.e. the Presidency, would speak for what regards Member States competences (including unexercised EU shared competences).

The delegations were explained that the comments on the draft Joint Ministerial Statement (doc. DS 1672/13) should be provided by 20 September 2013, with a view to preparing a revised document for the forthcoming intersession meeting to be held on 25 September 2013. Discussion on the document followed, with delegations noting that the document should be more concise, focused and balanced, addressing with equal vigour drug demand and drug supply reduction. The delegations also noted that the document should be of a more general nature, not making any country or region specific references. Some proposals were made as regards the content of the document and the meeting emphasised that the three international drug control conventions and other relevant international instruments remained the cornerstone of the international drug control system.

The delegations also discussed other issues related to the preparation for the CND, including the principles of supporting the third country resolutions at the CND. The meeting also agreed that discussion on resolutions to be tabled as EU resolutions should start as early as possible and a deadline of 2 December 2013 was set for providing the draft resolutions.

6. National Drug Coordinators' meeting

The Presidency presented the agenda and the documents for the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 18-19 September 2013 in Vilnius, informing the delegates that two well-known experts from Australia and US were invited to give presentations on the misuse of prescribed medicines.

7. Draft Council Conclusions on Drug Supply Reduction Indicators

The Presidency recalled the steps taken towards the development of drug supply indicators and the delegations discussed the above-mentioned draft Council Conclusions contained in doc. DS 1671/13. A number of delegations supported the document and some delegations repeated their fears about the cuts of the EMCDDA budget and the consequences thereof for developing the indicators. Some specific comments were provided on the text, including on the length of the document and the term "national correspondent" and the delegations also agreed to introduce a separate paragraph on Europol. A deadline of 24 September was set for providing written comments on the document.

8. Preparation for the EU-Central Asia High Level meeting

The representative of the EEAS informed the meeting about the progress with the draft EU-Central Asia action plan on drugs (doc. DS 1222/3/13 REV 3), explaining that some comments were received from several Central Asian states. He recalled that the Action Plan would be endorsed during the Senior Officials' Meeting to be held on 12 November 2013 in Brussels and the delegates endorsed the text of the Joint Communication (doc. DS 1666/1/13 REV1) through which the Action Plan would be adopted.

9. Preparation for

– EU-CELAC technical committee meeting

The Presidency reminded the delegations about the above-mentioned meeting to be held on 12 September 2013 (doc. CM 3900/13).

– **EU-US expert meeting on drugs**

The Presidency presented the draft agenda of the above-mentioned meeting (doc. DS 704/13) and informed the delegates that the meeting would be organised as a videoconference in the Commission premises and that information for registration would be sent out shortly.

10. Report on the EU-Russia expert meeting on drugs

The Presidency gave an overview of the outcome of the above-mentioned meeting held on 10 September 2013, including the debate on substitution treatment. One delegation proposed organising such meetings with Russia more often and another delegation asked to consider a possibility of demonstrating to Russian experts how substitution treatment worked in practice. The representative of the Commission recalled that TAIEX instrument could be used to finance the visits of Russian experts to the EU Member States' authorities. Some delegations supported these proposals.

11. AOB

– **Information from the Presidency on different meetings**

The Presidency informed the delegates about the forthcoming conference “Eastern Partnership law enforcement cooperation: way forward”, organised by the Lithuanian Police in cooperation with CEPOL, to be held on 17-19 September 2013 in Vilnius, during which the thematic debates on drugs, especially on new psychoactive substances, would be organised.

– **Cannabis conference**

The SE delegation updated the meeting on the forthcoming conference on cannabis to be held on 20-21 November 2013 in Stockholm and invited the delegations to indicate their interest in participation.

– **Cocaine trafficking**

The HR delegation updated the delegations on the Balkan cartel and their illegal activities.