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of:	Law Enforcement Working Party (meeting of experts for major sports events)
on:	4 October 2013
Subject:	Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 4293/13, with the deletion of point 14 and the addition of the following points by the DK and PL delegations under AOB:

- the future of the NFIP website,
- travelling violent offenders.

**2. Overview of the activities of the Think Tank and results of its meeting in Vilnius
on 21-22 May 2013**

The Chair of the Think Tank presented recent actions of the Think Tank and pointed out three main areas of activities for the future: assisting the Presidency in implementing the 2014-2016 EU Work Programme on maximising safety and security at sports events, cooperating with third countries and working with fans.

3. Draft Council Conclusions adopting the 2014-2016 EU Work Programme on further measures designed to maximise safety and security in connection with sport events, in particular football matches, with an international dimension

The Presidency introduced the draft 2014-2016 EU Work Programme as well as the draft Council Conclusions adopting this work programme as set out in doc. 13658/13 ENFOPOL 292.

A short discussion on the basis of comments of the Council Legal Service followed, and the meeting agreed that a revised version of the document taking into account those comments would be submitted for approval by the LEWP on 11 October 2013.

4. Survey on the legal framework to prevent identified risk fans from attending football matches

The DK delegation presented the conclusions of the questionnaire on the existing legal framework to prevent identified risk fans from attending football matches as set out in doc. 13659/13 ENFOPOL 293.

Delegations generally welcomed the results of the survey, setting out a recommendation to the LEWP that when reviewing Council Decision 2002/348/JHA of 25 April 2002, as amended by Council Decision 2007/412/JHA of 12 June 2007, consideration would be given to the possibility to include the principle that each MS should appropriately consider, in accordance with national legislation, to take all possible measures (including travel restrictions) to prevent its own citizens from participating in and/or organising public disturbances in another country.

The meeting also agreed that comments of delegations would be reflected in a revised version of this document (13659/1/13 REV 1 ENFOPOL 293).

5. Memorandum of Understanding for international police cooperation at major football matches and tournaments

The PL delegation presented a draft template of a Memorandum of Understanding concerning international police cooperation in connection with providing safety and security during major sports events with an international dimension as set out in doc. 13660/13 ENFOPOL 294.

Delegations were invited to consider the usefulness of this tool as an example of good practice and the suggestion to include it as an annex to the EU Football Handbook in the future.

Delegations were invited to submit their written comments on the proposed draft by 31 October 2013 prior to submitting the document to the LEWP.

6. Suggestions to revise Council Decision concerning security in connection with football matches with an international dimension

The BE delegation presented a discussion paper as regards the need to revise Council Decision concerning security in connection with football matches with an international dimension as set out in doc. 14069/13 ENFOPOL 301.

The meeting agreed to the need to update the Council Decision and that the experts would continue working on this subject with a view to asking the Commission or inviting 7 Member States to present a legislative proposal in this respect.

7. Update as regards the Pan-European Football policing Training Project (PE- FFTP)

The Chair of the Think Thank provided an update of the PE-FFTP. A representative of CEPOL presented the upcoming training activity in the framework of this project in October 2013 as well as plans for 2014 and 2015, including 5-day training activities and webinars.

8. Feedback from UEFA Champions league/Europa League meeting held on 11-12 September 2013 in Warsaw

The Chair of the Think Thank presented the outcome of the UEFA Champions League/Europa League meeting held in Warsaw, Poland on 11-12 September 2013, which focused mainly on visiting fans and the use of pyrotechnics. The importance of structured information exchange systems was also underlined.

9. Information in relation to the Standing Committee of the European Convention on Spectator Violence

The BE delegation explained the priorities of the Standing Committee of the European Convention on Spectator Violence, namely the update of the present legal framework and the adoption of new working methods, which promote the exchange of best practices and experiences between countries.

10. Multi-agency cooperation during Eurobasket 2013 in Slovenia

The SI delegation reported on the preparation and organisation of Eurobasket 2013 in relation to ensuring security and safety of this event. It was underlined that the multi-agency approach, the role of NFIPs, the support of Interpol and Europol, the use of spotters and of international police databases as well as the control of external borders were of major importance for maximising security and safety during this event.

11. State of play of the preparation for World Cup 2014 in Brazil

The Chair of the Think Thank suggested to follow the practice similar to the one used for World Cup 2010 in preparation of World Cup 2014 in Brazil and proposed to approach FIFA with a view to organising a preparatory meeting in order to ensure a common European approach. Delegations agreed to this suggestion.

12. State of play of the preparation for EURO 2016 in France

The FR delegation provided the LEWP with a detailed presentation on the preparation for EURO 2016, describing the stadiums that will receive the matches and the planned security and safety measures.

13. Strategy on visiting police delegations in current financial climate

The UK delegation reported that 10 Member States provided replies to a questionnaire relating to the visiting police delegations in the current financial climate and stressed that further input would be appreciated. The results of the questionnaire would be presented at the Think Thank meeting due to take place in December 2013.

14. Final Report of the study on travelling violent offenders

This item was deleted from the agenda as representatives of the Commission could not attend the meeting but it was suggested that further information from the Commission would be provided to delegates in writing.

15. Plans of the incoming Presidencies

The EL delegation underlined that under its Presidency the continuity of the current activities including the implementation of the 2014-2016 work programme would be ensured and that police cooperation during the World Cup 2014 in Brazil would be a priority. In reply to one delegation, information relating to police cooperation in 2014 Winter Olympics would be provided at a later stage.

In view of its future Presidency the IT delegation pointed out that it would evaluate the experience of police cooperation at World Cup 2014 and study how to involve the fans' associations.

16. Any other business

The DK delegation raised a question whether Europol could host the NFIP website. The meeting agreed that the NL, DK and BE delegations would have a (video) meeting with Europol in order to discuss this matter further and would report on the results of this meeting to the expert group.

The PL delegation asked for comments of delegations on their respective national legal frameworks regarding travelling violent offenders and on ensuring security at football matches in lower leagues. A questionnaire would be sent out on these issues. Some delegations indicated their willingness to share their experience with the PL delegation.
