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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Working Party on General Matters, including Evaluations (GENVAL)
on: 3 October 2013
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 4259/1/13 REV 1 was adopted.

2. Global Alliance against Child Sexual Abuse Online

- Presentation of the state of play from the Commission

The Commission gave an update on the state of play. 50 countries had joined the alliance to date: the 28 EU Member States + Albania, Australia, Cambodia, Canada, Georgia, Ghana, Israel, Japan, South Korea, Moldova, Montenegro, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Philippines, Serbia, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United States and Vietnam

3. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Adoption of the Report of Austria

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The report was adopted.

4. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Discussion of the Report of Malta

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The evaluation team presented the report. The Maltese delegation commented on the findings of the evaluation team and replied to the questions asked by other delegations.

As a matter of general concern (and not specifically in relation to the reports discussed at the meeting), Eurojust raised the issue of coherence of reports/recommendations. It was stressed by the Council secretariat that the reports were the experts' reports, and that this was a peer evaluation. Centralising and streamlining risked endangering the richness of mutual evaluations. It was added by one of the experts that one of the main aims of this exercise was to learn from each others' systems.

5. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - Discussion of the Report of Poland

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The evaluation team presented the report. The Polish delegation commented on the findings of the evaluation team and replied to the questions asked by other delegations, including suggestions to clarify the text on certain points.

6. Orientation debate on the seventh round of Mutual Evaluation

- continued exchange of views

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Following a discussion, where 19 delegations took the floor, it was concluded by the Presidency that an overwhelming majority could support "cybercrime" as the topic for a seventh round of mutual evaluations. Also the Commission was in favour of choosing this topic. A first draft questionnaire, taking into account delegations' comments on the importance of focus and clearly defining the aims and the mandate, will be elaborated for the next GENVAL meeting on 27 November.

7. AOB

- Seventh EU Anti-Trafficking Day Conference - Vilnius, 18 October 2013

The Presidency informed about the conference "*Exploring the Links between the Internet and Trafficking in Human Beings: Cyberspace for Prevention, not Recruitment*", organised by the Lithuanian EU Presidency and the Commission that will take place in Vilnius on 18 October 2013. Invitations have been sent to Member States by the Commission.

In addition to the conference, a screening of a documentary film "*Not my life*" will be shown in Brussels on the same day, followed by short addresses of the Belgian Ministers of Interior and Equality of Chances and of Justice. An information sheet was distributed during the meeting; invitations have been sent by the Commission.

The French delegation presented the findings of a project on the identification of victims of human trafficking involving besides France, Spain, Greece, Bulgaria, Romania and the Netherlands. Delegations were encouraged to join the network that had developed concrete tools to help identifying victims.

SE circulated a paper on follow-up to the 5th round of mutual evaluations. Delegations were reminded of the obligation to issue such a follow-up document 18 months after the adoption of their report, outlining how recommendations had been addressed.

Next meeting date for GENVAL will be **27 November 2013**.