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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Law Enforcement Working Party (including Mixed Committee EU/Iceland,
Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein)

on: 16 December 2011

Subject: Summary of discussions

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING PARTY - MIXED COMMITTEE

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 5793/11.

**2. Information about the outcome of the PCCC Conference held on 18-19 October 2011
in Brussels**

The Presidency outlined the results of the PCCC Conference held on 18-19 October 2011 as set out in doc. 17750/11 JAI 890 DAPIX 161 CRIMORG 231 ENFOPOL 438 ENFOCUSTOM 158 COMIX 780 and introduced the proposals of the BE delegation to carry out the IMS Action No. 7 (DS 1607/11). It was noted that the strategic discussions on the cooperation of PCCCs and on the possible update of the European Best Practice Guidelines for PCCCs would take place at the LEWP while DAPIX would focus on various elements relating to information exchange.

Following the exchange of views by delegations on the possible use of SIENA by PCCCs a representative of Europol clarified various aspects relating to the functioning of this secure communication channel for law enforcement.

The NL delegation noted that the test phase of SIENA in NL could only start in autumn 2012, while the FR delegation entered a scrutiny reservation on the roadmap referred to in the outcome of the PCCCs conference.

3. Progress report of the radio communications expert group

The Polish expert presented the recent activities of the radio communications expert group (RCEG) and its two subgroups (Forerunner and ISI) as well as the results of the meeting of RCEG held on 22-23 November 2011 in Warsaw (18252/11 ENFOPOL 461 COMIX 819).

The LEWP took note of this progress report.

4. Any other business

No items were raised under AOB.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING PARTY

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 5793/11 with the addition of an information point by the DK delegation under AOB.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency informed the meeting about the adoption of various initiatives of relevance to the LEWP by the Council on 13-14 December 2011. On this basis delegations were invited to provide information as regards their national contact points for the implementation of Council Conclusions on the vision for European Forensic Science 2020 (17537/11 ENFOPOL 413 COPEN 342) and Council Conclusions on preventing and combating crime against cultural goods (17541/11 ENFOPOL 415 CULT 111 ENFOCUSTOM 143 UD 337). It was noted that this information should be sent to the General Secretariat of the Council (lewp@consilium.europa.eu) by 31 January 2012. Delegations were also reminded to send contributions as regards the implementation of the European Action Plan on so-called "heavy" firearms as requested in doc. CM 5331/11.

3. Firearms-related issues:

3.1 Results of the European Firearms Experts' Forerunners meeting held on 11-13 October 2011 in Warsaw

The Chair of the European Firearms Experts' network (EFE) presented the outcome of the EFE Forerunners meeting as set out in doc. 18253/11 ENFOPOL 462 COPEN 364 GENVAL 138 COWEB 286, focusing in particular on the results of the three EFE working groups in relation to the implementation of the European Action Plan on so-called "heavy" firearms.

The LEWP took note of this report and agreed to the suggestion set out in it to invite Europol to carry out threat assessments on the subject of firearms in the future.

3.2 Assessing the threat from the criminal use and supply of firearms within the EU

The UK expert presented the threat assessment relating to the criminal use and supply of firearms in the EU as set out in annex to doc. 18253/11 ENFOPOL 462 COPEN 364 GENVAL 138 COWEB 286. The speaker informed the meeting about the key findings contained in this threat assessment and the recommendations made.

A representative of Europol noted that Europol would shortly appoint a dedicated firearms' expert to work on these issues and invited Member States to share intelligence with Europol. The FI delegation informed the meeting about a regional project implying closer cooperation with EFE.

4. Results of the meeting of the European Network for the Protection of Public Figures (ENPPF) held on 9 December 2011 in Brussels

The meeting took note of the results of the ENPPF meeting held on 9 December 2011 as set out in doc. 18254/11 ENFOPOL 463.

5. Assessment of the possible topics for common training of liaison officers

The Polish expert presented the results of the questionnaire on common training for liaison officers in the EU (18259/11 ENFOPOL 464). Some delegations underlined the need to carry out an assessment of the training that was already available at national level before developing a common curriculum and to ensure the consistency of any initiatives in this field with the ETS.

A representative of CEPOL confirmed CEPOL's readiness to contribute to the training of LOs.

6. Information on the project "Improvement of the Possibilities for Identification of Convicted Persons"

The LV delegation gave a presentation about a project aimed at improving the identification of convicted persons using a certain technical solution and expressed the willingness to share this methodology with other Member States.

7. Any other business

The DK delegation presented the priorities and planned activities of its incoming Presidency, focusing namely on itinerant criminal groups and cash couriers.