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**OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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Subject: Summary of discussions

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**1. Adoption of the agenda**

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 1480/12 with the deletion of item 5.

**2. Information from the Presidency**

2.1. Presentation of the LEWP work programme of the Danish Presidency

The Chair provided provisional dates of the meetings of the LEWP and various expert groups and networks under the DK Presidency and referred to the European Police Chiefs Convention to be held in the Hague on 30-31 May 2012. As regards the topics to be discussed by the LEWP, the fight against itinerant crime and the organisation of JCPO ATHENA III were mentioned in particular.

Referring to the results of the outgoing PL Presidency the Chair informed the meeting that the lists of contact points relating to the vision for European forensic science and combating crime against cultural goods were issued (6391/12 ENFOPOL 32 and 6390/12 ENFOPOL 31) and invited delegations to complete these lists by providing information to [lewp@consilium.europa.eu](mailto:lewp@consilium.europa.eu) by 29 February 2012.

## 2.2. Information on the Cybercrime seminar held on 12-14 February 2012 in Copenhagen

The Chair briefed the meeting about the main conclusions of the seminar on combating sexual exploitation of children on the internet and child pornography, held on 12-14 February 2012 in Copenhagen. Delegations were informed that written conclusions of this seminar would be distributed at a later stage.

## 2.3. Updated overview of meetings of expert groups and networks related to the LEWP

The Chair presented an updated overview of meetings of expert groups and networks related to the LEWP (17559/11 ENFOPOL 417 ADD1 REV 1) and provided further information to be included in the next revision of this document.

One delegation encouraged Member States to attend the meeting of firearms experts focusing on the implementation of the European Action Plan on firearms and underlined the importance of holding meetings of EU contact points for tackling cross-border vehicle crime.

In response to the request of one delegation regarding the conclusion of cooperation agreements with informal networks such as RAILPOL, AQUAPOL and AIRPOL, the Chair explained that this possibility would be examined after evaluating the ongoing cooperation with TISPOL.

### **3. Approval of CEPOL's Work Programme for 2012**

The Deputy Director of CEPOL presented CEPOL's Work Programme for 2012 (doc. 5532/12 ENFOPOL 15). The following goals were outlined: to organise 118 training activities for up to 4000 law enforcement officers and to further develop e-learning activities, common curricula and exchange programmes. The priorities for training and learning activities, the involvement of CEPOL in the ETS and cooperation with external actors were also presented. Following the request of some delegations the Deputy Director of CEPOL explained in detail the functioning of the system of grant agreements.

The LEWP approved CEPOL Work Programme 2012 and agreed to forward it to COREPER/Council for approval.

### **4. Fighting itinerant crime:**

#### 4.1. Note on itinerant crime prepared prior to the Council meeting held on 13-14 December 2011

The FR delegation presented the note on itinerant crime (18293/11 JAI 936 COSI 124 ENFOPOL 466 GENVAL 135 COMIX 825+COR 1) and explained the characteristics of various mobile organised crime groups also drawing attention to the role of Europol in fighting this kind of crime.

The BE delegation, driver of the Operational Action Plan (OAP) related to the EU crime priority on mobile organised crime groups, provided detailed information on various activities within the framework of this OAP (17827/2/11 REV 2 RESTREINT EU/EU RESTRICTED). Member States not yet participating in this OAP and affected by it were encouraged to do so.

#### 4.2. Intelligence-led policing through closer cooperation with Europol in the fight against itinerant criminal groups – discussion paper

The Chair presented the discussion paper set out in doc. 6038/12 ENFOPOL 23, explaining that the aim of the exchange was to explore the possibilities for the LEWP to contribute to the fight against itinerant crime without overlapping with the ongoing activities in other fora and by encouraging the use of existing tools. The need to better use the Europol Information System (EIS) was underlined in particular.

A representative of Europol presented the EIS, its functionalities and data protection aspects as well as the prospects for further development of this system aiming to facilitate its use.

Several delegations welcomed the discussion on this subject and underlined the importance of cooperation with Europol and the use of both AWFs and EIS. It was stated that contributions to EIS should not be mandatory, but could be further encouraged, for example by promoting the use of EIS by Europol. One delegation also proposed to keep the LEWP informed about the implementation of other OAPs.

The representatives of the Commission suggested that discussions on the fight against itinerant crime should involve not only law enforcement but other authorities as well. Delegations were informed about the upcoming report on the implementation of the Council Framework Decision on the fight against organised crime. The need to use all existing instruments such as JITs and various information exchange channels in fighting itinerant crime was also underlined. A reference to Article 8(4)(a) of the Europol Decision was made as regards the obligation to provide information to Europol. The meeting was also informed about the upcoming discussions in COSI in relation to the future user requirements for Europol and enhancing information exchange to get a better intelligence picture.

The Chair concluded that the Presidency would consider the possible way forward on this issue and invited delegations to provide further written comments by 27 February 2012.

**5. Results of the KYNOPOL seminar for Heads of Dog Handling Centers held on 28 November - 1 December 2011 in Lognes (France)**

This point was deleted from the agenda due to the unavailability of the HU experts because of bad weather conditions.

**6. Any other business**

No items were raised under AOB.

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