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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of:	Standing Committee on operational cooperation on internal security (COSI)
on:	17 February 2012
Subject :	Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in doc. 6407/12 was adopted at it stood.

2. EU policy cycle on serious international and organised crime;
- EU Policy Cycle process review: From OCTA to OAP

Following a number of comments, COSI agreed on the EU Policy Cycle process review as set out in doc. 5751/3/12 REV 3 COSI 2. The Presidency pointed out that this review would serve as an input for, though should be without prejudice to, the 2-year evaluation to be carried out in 2013 under action 20 of the EU Policy Cycle.

Various delegations reiterated the importance of implementing the OAPs which would require appropriate coordination at national level with the involvement of all relevant stakeholders as well as obtaining adequate financing. In this regard, the Europol Director confirmed to the Committee that additional funding would be available for the OAPs. The Frontex, CEPOL and Eurojust representatives informed the Committee about their respective agencies' contribution to the implementation of the EU Policy Cycle.

3. Enhancing information exchange to get a better intelligence picture

The Committee exchanged views on the possibilities for enhancing information exchange to get a better intelligence picture at EU level, which the Presidency identified as a first shared strategic goal to be discussed in COSI on the basis of doc. 5812/12 COSI 4.

Delegations welcomed the Presidency's initiative and referred to the EU SOCTA as the essential instrument for the intelligence picture on organised and serious international crime. Some delegations supported the idea of drafting specific assessments for specific priorities identified outside the Policy Cycle framework. The further involvement of other relevant partners, such as Frontex, OLAF and SITCEN, in the preparation of the EU SOCTA and specific threat assessments were welcomed. Both Frontex and OLAF briefly commented on their risk analysis systems and capabilities which could contribute to improving the intelligence picture.

4. Possible future user requirements for Europol

As reflected in doc. 7336/12 JAI 143 COSI 8 ENFOPOL 58 the Committee had a first exchange of views on the possible future user requirements for Europol on the basis of the questions/suggestions set out in doc. 5778/1/12 REV 1 JAI 39 COSI 3 ENFOPOL 19.

5. Any other business

No items were raised.

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1. Frontex Regulation; Frontex information on its new operational capabilities

The Frontex Director presented the Agency's new operational capabilities following the recent entry into force of the Frontex Regulation. Specific reference was made to Frontex' new assets, training possibilities, the European Border Guard Teams, analytical capabilities, the processing of personal data and cooperation with third countries.