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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Working Party on Terrorism

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Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda set out in document CM 1878/1/12 REV 1, with the addition of information by the NL under AOB.

2. Information by the Presidency

The Chair updated the Working Party on the state of play of negotiations on the draft Regulation on explosives precursors and the PNR directive and on the work of the Ad Hoc Group on Nuclear Security. More details on the progress of the Ad Hoc Group will be provided at the June TWP meeting.

3. Presentation of a SitCen report (*EU CONFIDENTIAL*)

A representative of SitCen presented a recent report.

4. Presentation and discussion of the draft Council conclusions on de-radicalisation and disengagement from terrorist activities

When presenting the draft Council conclusions (doc. 7005/12 ENFOPOL 45), the Presidency stressed that even though addressing de-radicalisation and disengagement is the responsibility of Member States, the EU can contribute to the creation of an additional framework for exchanging knowledge and best practices. The aim of the document is to draw attention of state, regional and local authorities to the importance of dealing with the phenomena and encourage cooperation in the area.

Delegations welcomed the document in general. Some stressed that the conclusions should focus on radicalisation leading to violence, and not target individuals' thoughts and beliefs as such. The proposal that the Commission prepare a compendium of the knowledge, experiences and best practices in the area of de-radicalisation and disengagement was also welcomed.

The delegations were invited to submit written comments on the draft Council conclusions before 26 March 2012 to the Presidency and the Council Secretariat. A revised document will be further discussed at the next TWP with the aim of submitting it to the Council in June.

5. Presentation by the Commission on the Radicalisation Awareness Network

In the presentation, a representative of the Commission outlined the role of RAN in supporting Member States' efforts in preventing terrorism. RAN is intended to be a network of practitioners and local actors involved in countering violent radicalisation. It should enable the exchange of knowledge, experiences and lessons learned and challenge terrorist narratives. Since its launch in September 2011, the Rules of Procedure were approved by the Steering committee, initial working groups started functioning and technical assistance and support of the network were assigned to a contractor. In October 2012, a Ministerial conference on radicalisation will be organised by the Commission with an input of RAN.

6. Presentation by the UK on Olympic Security

The UK delegation gave a presentation on the preparations for the Olympics 2012, which will be the biggest ever peacetime logistical exercise.

7. Presentation by Italy on the group Federazione Anarchica Informale (FAI)

The IT delegation described the pro-insurrection anarchist movement in Italy, its activities and developments since 2003. In the discussion which followed, the delegations stressed the importance of sharing information among security services. The representative of Europol informed the meeting that a conference on anarchism in Europe will take place on 25 April 2012.

8. Information on counter-terrorism activities

- The European Commission informed the Group on the following events and activities:
 - Forthcoming visit of the delegation of the LIBE committee to Washington;
 - EPCIP review conference will take place on 14-16 March 2012. Following the completion of the external study on the evaluation of the current critical infrastructure protection legislation, a Commission staff working document would be prepared.
 - 4th EU-US explosives experts' meeting will take place on 27-28 March 2012 in Brussels.
 - The next meeting of the CBRN Advisory group will be on 18 April; a draft mid-term evaluation report will be discussed.
 - The discussion on the ISF-Police under the new Multiannual Financial Framework has not started yet in the Ad Hoc Group on JHA Financial Instruments (Home formation).
 - In the framework of preparations of the impact assessment on the current legislation on data retention, a letter signed by Commissioner Malmström has been sent to all Member States with a request for reliable quantitative and qualitative data that would demonstrate the necessity of data retention for security purposes. The deadline for replying to the letter is 30 April 2012.

- Europol informed the Group on the following points:
 - A document on the state of play of the EBDS has been distributed to delegations.
 - The TE-SAT report is planned to be published on 25 April.
 - A meeting for countries participating in the Dolphin will take place on 25 April.

In reply to a question by one delegation, the representative of Europol promised to forward information to Member States on the upcoming conference with the US Department of Homeland Security on countering violent extremism.

9. AOB

The NL reminded the other delegations of the deadline for sending replies to the questionnaire relating to the Clean IT project (CM 6026/12), which is on 1 April 2012. It also informed the Group of the intention of the NL to send a letter to respective Ministries of other Member States with an invitation to participate in the programme and thus contribute to a creation of strong public-private partnerships.

The Presidency informed the Working Party that the next TWP meeting, which will take place on 24 April, will be a half-day meeting, starting in the afternoon.
