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of: Law Enforcement Working Party (meeting of experts for major sports events)

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Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 2278/1/12 REV 1 with the deletion of item 9 and addition of two information points by the BE and LT delegations under AOB.

**2. State of play of the preparations for the UEFA European Football Championship
EURO 2012**

The meeting took note of the latest update by the PL delegation on how Poland was preparing and organising security and safety of the upcoming EURO 2012 in cooperation with other Member States. Delegations were informed that the Ukrainian delegation could not attend the meeting and were invited to raise questions to be forwarded to Ukraine by the Presidency, but no questions were submitted.

3. State of play of the Pan European Football Policing Training Project (PE-FFTP)

The UK delegation updated the meeting on the PE-FFTP project, stating that due to budgetary concerns it was unclear whether the UK's NFIP or another institution would be able to continue to lead the project.

Delegations welcomed the efforts undertaken by the UK's NFIP and appreciated the added value of the training scheme offered, in particular because of the similarity of the violence reduction approach in both policing political demonstrations and football matches. Several delegations underlined the importance for the project and the EU funding to be continued.

CEPOL was asked whether it was in a position to join the PE-FFTP project, and the representative of CEPOL expressed the willingness to provide support to this project within its budgetary limits.

4. Adoption of the 2012 Action Plan implementing the 2011-2013 EU Work Programme on further measures designed to maximise safety and security in connection with sports events, in particular football matches, with an international dimension

The BE delegation on behalf of the Think Tank presented the 2012 Action Plan (doc. 8039/12 ENFOPOL 79) and highlighted the need to improve institutional information exchange and strengthen cooperation with the Council of Europe as well as with third countries. An additional Action 17 bis on strengthening police cooperation with non-EU countries in the area of sports events safety and security to be included in the revised version of the Action Plan was proposed and agreed by the meeting.

Due to the complexity of the Action Plan a discussion followed on how to prepare a more comprehensible document in the future. Suggestions were made to separate completed actions from the pending ones, which would make the document a lot easier to read.

Contributing to the discussion on the implementation of the Action Plan, the NL delegation briefed the meeting about the state of play of the "SKIP project" aiming at further developing the NFIP website. Appreciating the website as an essential tool of NFIPs, the UK delegation voiced concerns about NL bearing the website's development costs alone and urged delegations and the Commission to contribute to finding a more reasonable future funding of the website.

5. Exploring legal possibilities in the MS to prevent known risk fans from attending football matches with an international dimension

The Presidency presented a draft set of questions regarding national legal possibilities to exchange persona data on stadium and travel bans and invited delegations to comment on them.

Delegations recommended to focus on who issued the bans (e.g. courts, football clubs, football associations) and to distinguish whether those bans were issued for specific matches or were general ones. It was also suggested, for example, to raise a question why information on such bans had no follow up in other Member States and whether Member States could share best practices in this field.

In the light of the comments made the Presidency envisaged to send out a revised questionnaire to delegations and present an analysis of the replies at the next meeting of experts for major sports events.

6. State of play as regards the study on possible ways to improve the exchange of information on travelling violent offenders including those attending sporting events or large public gatherings

Delegations took note of the Commission's information regarding the current study on possible options for information exchange on travelling violent offenders. The Commission invited Member States to contribute actively to the study and promised for its part to check with the contractor the practical issues suggested by Member States.

7. Safety and security at London 2012 Olympics

The UK delegate briefly outlined security plans for the London 2012 Olympics and suggested to provide relevant contact details for obtaining further information.

8. State of play of the preparations for the World Cup FIFA 2014

Delegations took note of the brief presentation by the DE delegation on mutual information visit schemes between the German and Brazilian authorities concerned in the preparations for the World Cup FIFA 2014.

9. State of play of the preparations for the EURO 2016

The item was deleted from the agenda upon the request of the FR delegation.

10. Presentation of the activities of the incoming Presidency

The CY delegation informed the meeting about the forthcoming Think Tank meeting on 24-25 May 2012 in Cyprus and the meeting of experts for major sports events to be held in the framework of the LEWP on 3 September 2012. The incoming Presidency mentioned that it envisaged to work on developing a common single NFIP logo, on issuing expert status for NFIP members and suggested to draw a common DK/CY questionnaire on exploring legal possibilities for information exchange regarding known risk fans.

11. Any other business

Delegations took note of the information given by the BE delegation regarding the programme of the Champion League/European League meeting to be held in Vienna on 12 September 2012.

Delegations also took note of the information provided by the LT and the BE delegations on the outcome of the project "Security at Major Sports Events", led by LT and co-financed under the ISEC programme.