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**SIRIS 7
COMIX 71**

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of : Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE / Mixed Committee EU-Iceland/Norway and Switzerland/Liechtenstein)
on : 2 February 2012
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 1340/12 was adopted with the addition of some subjects to Any Other Business (see below item 11).

2. Report by the Presidency

The Presidency reported on the relevant subjects discussed at meetings of other configurations of the Working Party for Schengen Matters: "SIS-TECH" on 9 January 2012, "Schengen Evaluation" on 16 January 2012 and "Schengen Acquis" on 17/18 January 2012.

3. SIS II

- State of play

The meeting received a brief oral update from the Commission on progress regarding the SIS II project, in particular tests CSQT, CTE, CT, PSAP, Milestone II, and SIRENE. SFT would wait until DEBS would be finalised.

The meeting was informed that on 1 February 2012 was started a revision of SIRENE Manual SIS II, on the basis of SIRENE Manual SIS 1+.

4. SIRENE migration from SIS 1+ to SIS II

The meeting took note of the progress regarding DEBS and agreed on the next steps to be undertaken. AT, supported by a number of volunteer MS (CH, DK, EL, FR, UK) and COM, will revise the current version of DEBS, which would be submitted to SIS-TECH at the end of March 2012. An informal meeting would take place in Vienna on 3 March 2012.

CZ presented 5632/12 SIRIS 3 SIS-TECH 10 COMIX 35 and stressed that the migration should be a step-by-step process in order to reduce risks.

5. SIRENE Functional Test

The Presidency presented 5482/12 SIS-TECH 9 SIRIS 2 COMIX 29.

The Presidency clarified that as regards section 3, the Presidency had attempted to set out a practical working overview of the functional SIRENE tests and the SIRENE connectivity tests which also alludes, in some respects, to its relation with other activities. When clarifying the sentence "the Commission acts as head of the general test management", the Presidency said that it was important to note that it is the Member States who have the specific responsibility to conduct the functional SIRENE tests and manage them.

The informal SIRENE Functional Test Group must address the issue of the specific management of the SIRENE tests. The Presidency stressed that it intended to express in this document that the Commission would kept a general overview of activities within the Global Schedule, which included testing. Should an incident arise which would have an impact on another activity, it would be appropriate that the Commission either highlighted this to the relevant stakeholders or be informed by whichever party which identifies the issue. This would include the subsequent initiation of discussion on how incidents can be resolved.

A meeting of the informal workgroup SIRENE Functional Test would take place on 2 February 2012 later in the afternoon.

6. Possible ways of reducing the workload at SIRENE Bureaux

The Presidency presented 5703/12 SIRIS 5 COMIX 42. Most delegations supported the organisation of a seminar on this subject. It was suggested that Fact Sheets could be produced on this matter. Comments in writing were asked by 1 March 2012.

7. Collection of statistics for 2011

The GSC informed that it had received contributions from 9 MS. The rest of the concerned delegations were asked to send in their input by 1 March 2012.

8. Draft report on the application of Art. 102A of the Schengen Convention for 2011

The GSC informed that it had received contributions from 8 MS. The rest of the concerned delegations were asked to send in their input by 1 March 2012.

9. Training issues

The meeting took note of the presentation by CEPOL (see DS 1274/12).

CEPOL representative announced that 3 seminars are planned to 2012.

Furthermore, CH informed that a Basic Seminar was scheduled to take place from 26 to 30 November 2012.

10. SIRENE SEarCH (SErious Criminals Hunt)

The Presidency considered that there was not enough backing from the MS to move this file forward, and wondered whether this would be the right forum.

11. Any other business

CZ presented its comments to the proposal for amendment to the Catalogue of recommendations for the correct application of the Schengen acquis and best practices: part concerning the Schengen Information System (see 5635/12 ADD 1 SIRIS 4 SCH-EVAL 9 COMIX 36).

The Presidency gave some information on the Heads of SIRENE meeting to be organised in Copenhagen from 6 to 9 June 2012. The deadline for item inscriptions is 9 February 2012.

The GSC asked delegations (in particular LI) to send in any updates to the SIS Global Document (7215/1/11 REV 1 SIRIS 16 COMIX 138 and 7215/11 ADD 1 REV 1 RESTREINT UE) and to the List of competent authorities which are authorised to search directly the data contained in the Schengen Information System pursuant to Article 101(4) of the Schengen Convention (7214/1/11 REV 1 SIRIS 15 COMIX 137) by 1 March 2012.

12. Confirmation by the Working Party for Schengen Matters (SIS/SIRENE) of the decisions prepared in the Mixed Committee

The Mixed Committee was informed about the deliberations taken by the Working Party.
