



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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GENVAL 22

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Working Party on General Matters, including Evaluations (GENVAL)

on: 12 April 2012

Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 2236/12 was adopted, with the addition of one item under any other business (point 10).

2. Fifth round of mutual evaluations - Discussion of the Report on Greece

7614/12 GENVAL 14 RESTREINT UE

The evaluation team presented the report. The Greek delegation commented on the findings of the evaluation team and replied to the questions asked by other delegations.

The Presidency concluded that a revised version of the report will be presented for adoption at a next GENVAL meeting.

3. Fifth round of mutual evaluations - Discussion of the Report on Finland

7613/12 GENVAL 13 RESTREINT UE

The evaluation team presented the report. The Finnish delegation commented on the findings of the evaluation team and replied to the questions asked by other delegations.

The Presidency concluded that a revised version of the report will be presented for adoption at a next GENVAL meeting.

4. Fifth round of mutual evaluations - Adoption on the Report on Lithuania

17073/1/11 REV 1 GENVAL 122 RESTREINT UE

The report was adopted.

5. Fifth round of mutual evaluations - Adoption of the Report on Ireland

18514/1/11 REV 1 GENVAL 137 RESTREINT UE

The report was adopted.

6. Sixth round of mutual evaluations - questionnaire to Eurojust

5241/1/12 REV 1 GENVAL 3 COPEN 6 EUROJUST 3 EJM 2

Following some minor changes made to the questionnaire during the meeting, the questionnaire was adopted. The result of the discussions is set out in 5241/2/12 REV 2 GENVAL 3 COPEN 6 EUROJUST 3 EJM 2.

7. Proposal for a Directive of the European parliament and the Council on the freezing and confiscation of proceeds of crime in the European Union (COM(2012) 85 final) -

Presentation by the Commission

7641/12 DROIPEN 29 COPEN 57 CODEC 656

The Commission briefly presented its proposal, on which a few delegations made remarks. The Presidency indicated that the in-depth discussion should take place in the Substantive Criminal Law Working Party.

8. Communication on establishing a European Cybercrime Centre - Information by the Commission and the Presidency

The Commission presented its communication, by highlighting its main elements and the background thereto. A few delegations asked questions to the Commission.

9. A multidisciplinary and administrative approach to combating organised crime - information by the Presidency

The Presidency reported on the main results of the COSI Meeting of 11 April 2012 on this item. At that COSI meeting it was decided that there was a broad support for the proposal that the Presidency together with the Commission would chair the meetings of the network and that the network is linked to COSI. Whereas a general report on its functioning and its results would be provided to COSI, specific reports on particular topics would be provided to the GENVAL Working Party if the subject-matter was relevant to this Working Party.

10. Any other business

- Outcome of the conference on child pornography on the Internet

7033/12 ENFOPOL 46 GENVAL 12

The Presidency briefly presented the main results of this seminar.

- Outcome of the meeting of the EU Network of National Rapporteurs or Equivalent Mechanisms on trafficking in human beings

8607/12 GENVAL 18 CRIMORG 42 MIGR 34 ENFOPOL 97

The Presidency briefly presented the main results of this meeting.

- Commission plans for EU accession to GRECO

At the request of one delegation, the Commission indicated that its draft proposal for a negotiation mandate was still under discussion between Commission services. The Commission reiterated its commitment to table a proposal in this regard and informed delegations that it planned on inviting GRECO representatives to the Commission Expert Group on Corruption.