



**COUNCIL OF
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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Customs Cooperation Working Party (Plenary meeting)

on: 16 April 2012

Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 2409/1/12 REV 1.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Chair presented recent events of relevance to customs authorities (doc. DS 1236/12), focusing in particular on the outcome of the latest meetings of COSI and CATS. Delegations were also reminded about certain upcoming events: the drafting group meeting on the elaboration of a new strategy based on the Council Resolution of 2011 and the meeting of the current and incoming trio Presidencies on monitoring of the 4th Action Plan, both to be held on 17 April 2012, and about the workshop on the role of customs in the environmental protection to be held in Copenhagen on 22-24 May 2012.

3. Presentation by the Presidency of the results of the Customs 2013 High-Level Seminar on Compliance and Compliance Risk Management held in Copenhagen, Denmark on 20-21 March 2012

The DK expert presented the outcome of discussions of the Customs 2013 High-Level Seminar on Compliance and Compliance Risk Management. The seminar was held in Copenhagen on 20-21 March 2012 with the participation of 31 countries and various international organisations and was financially supported in the framework of the Customs 2013 programme. The Copenhagen Declaration agreed at the seminar was presented in detail and the next steps were outlined.

4. The 6-monthly report on the activities of the CCWP during the PL Presidency

The PL delegation presented the report on the activities of the CCWP during the PL Presidency in the second semester 2011 (doc. 6976/1/12 REV 1 ENFOCUSTOM 14), revised to take into account the comments of delegations voiced at the previous CCWP meeting.

The meeting agreed on the document to be submitted to CATS for approval.

5. The Fifth Action Plan (July 2011 – December 2012) to implement the Council Resolution of 23 October 2009 on a reinforced strategy for customs cooperation

The Chair presented an overview of the implementation of the Fifth Action Plan (July 2011 – December 2012) as set out in doc. DS 1139/1/12 REV 1. Several delegations leading certain Actions presented the state of play of those Actions:

- as regards Action 5.2, delegations were informed that it has moved to phase II. The CZ delegation outlined the outcome of the project group meeting held in March 2012 and the plans to organise the second meeting in May 2012. In relation to this Action, a representative of Europol informed the meeting about the Communication of the Commission suggesting that the European Cybercrime Centre should be located at Europol;
- as regards Action 5.4, led by SE, a representative of Europol informed the meeting that Europol would join this Action;

- as regards Action 5.5, led by FR, delegations were informed about the project group meeting to be held on 19 June 2012 and were invited to confirm their participation at that meeting;
- as regards Action 5.6, the meeting was informed about the recent progress and about the intention of the HU delegation to present the draft mandate in May 2012. Following the invitation to join the project group the PL delegation confirmed its wish to participate in this Action;
- as regards Action 5.8, led by PL, the meeting was informed that its mandate would be presented in autumn 2012;
- as regards Action 5.9, led by PL, delegations were informed about the meeting of the steering group to be held on 30 May 2012 in London;
- as regards Action 5.10, led by DE, delegations were informed about the outcome of the project group meeting held in March 2012 and about the intention to invite Eurojust to be an observer of the project group. Delegations were also invited to actively reply to the questionnaire to be distributed in the near future.

6. Revision of the strategic objectives for JCOs

The Chair presented the proposal to revise the strategic objectives for JCOs as set out in doc. DS 1143/1/12 REV 1, which was drafted taking into account the comments of delegations following the previous CCWP meeting.

The SE, NL, UK and BE delegations entered scrutiny reservations. Some delegations provided various suggestions regarding the wording and the prioritisation of certain strategic objectives and were invited by the Chair to send their comments in writing by 30 April 2012.

7. Any other business

No points were raised under AOB.