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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security (COSI)
on: 11 April 2011
Subject : Summary of discussions

MIXED COMMITTEE

1. Frontex 2012 Annual Risk Assessment

COSI took note of the findings and recommendations of the Frontex' Annual Risk Assessment as presented by the Frontex Deputy Director and exchanged views on the further development of a comprehensive intelligence picture, in particular regarding the role of the ARA in the EU SOCTA and the EU policy cycle. The Committee acknowledged the importance of close cooperation between Frontex and Europol to further improve information exchange and avoid overlapping.

Frontex was invited to keep COSI informed about the follow-up given to the ARA recommendations and to take into account the work currently being carried out in the OAP "Illegal Immigration".

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1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted (8426/12).

2. Combating serious and organised crime originating in West Africa

- Coordination of cooperation - annual report

COSI endorsed the draft annual report concerning the "*coordination of cooperation in combating organised crime, especially drug trafficking, originating in West Africa*" as set out in 8610/12 COSI 17 JAIEX 18 CORDROGUE 18 CRIMORG 43 COAFR 98 which would be submitted for approval to COREPER and Council.

The Committee recognised that further progress was still to be made in particular regarding the use of SIENA by the regional platforms and the consultation of the matrix.

- Presentation of the West Africa Police Information System by Interpol

The Committee took note of a presentation by Interpol on the development of the West African Police Information System (WAPIS) which had been produced in cooperation with the EEAS. A pilot project would start in 2012 and would be implemented in 2013 in five ECOWAS countries.

3. Using a multi-disciplinary and administrative approach to combat organised crime

7950/12 JAI 217 COSI 12 ENFOPOL 78 CRIMORG 33 GENVAL 16

The Committee held an in-depth exchange of views on the Presidency paper regarding a multi-disciplinary and administrative approach to combat organised crime (7950/12). Regarding the organisational issues, the Presidency noted a broad support for its proposal that the meetings of the network be chaired by the Presidency together with the Commission and for the network to be linked to COSI. A general report on the functioning of the network and its results would be provided to COSI, whereas specific reports on particular topics would be provided to other fora (e.g. GENVAL, LEWP, ...) depending on the subject.

Financing was considered to be an important issue and so the possibilities for obtaining funding under ISEC would be explored. Some delegations underlined the informal nature of the network and that duplication with the activities of other networks should be avoided. The "supporting role" of Europol and Eurojust, the role of the "leading group of MS" and possible secretarial support were still to be discussed further.

The Presidency would discuss these outstanding issues with the Commission prior to the next meeting of the informal network and would come back to COSI with its findings.

To a large extent delegations agreed that one of the main tasks of the network would be to collect and exchange good practices. The network would set its own priorities/work programme and should reflect on the content of the "multidisciplinary approach". If specific priorities were set, the network should focus on those areas where it could provide added value with respect to the priorities of the EU Policy Cycle.

4. Possible future user requirements for Europol - discussion of policy options

The Committee discussed a Commission Services' document setting out ideas for the revision of Europol's legal basis, focusing on 7 particular issues (8261/12 JAI 205 COSI 13 ENFOPOL 86). A large number of delegations intervened and announced that they would submit their comments in writing. The outcome of these discussions is set out in 9104/12 JAI 280 COSI 23 ENFOPOL 115 which would be submitted to the Commission so that it could be taken into account when a new proposal for a draft Regulation was being drawn up.

5. Any other business

No items were raised.
