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**CORDROGUE 44
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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

Of: Meeting of Technical Committee of the EU-CELAC Mechanism on Drugs
On: 22 May 2012
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in doc. CM 2920/12 + COR 1 with deletion of points 3 a, 4 and 5 of the agenda as some of these items were to be covered during the High Level Meeting of the EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs on 4-5 June 2012.

2. Preparation of the XIVth High Level meeting of the EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs (Brussels, 4-5 June 2012)

a) Organisational aspects

The EU co-presidency updated the delegates on the practical arrangements concerning the meeting.

b) Draft agenda

The EU co-presidency presented the agenda of the meeting as outlined in doc. DS 1305/2/12 REV 2 and asked the CELAC delegations to provide the missing names on the agenda by 29 June 2012 at the latest.

c) Thematic debates

The EU co-presidency informed the delegates about the time foreseen for the presentations during the thematic debates and the conduct of debates.

d) Annual report

The EU co-presidency presented the annual report of the EU-CELAC Mechanism on drugs, contained in doc. DS 1306/1/12 REV 1 and asked the delegates to propose modifications for the report by 29 June 2012 at the latest.

e) Draft political declaration

The EU co-presidency gave an overview of the state of play concerning the draft Brussels declaration, contained in doc. DS 1088/6/12 REV 6, and the CELAC co-presidency presented their proposed modifications. The discussion focused on the use of the term "demand for illicit drugs", on the paragraph concerning a drug traceability project and on the paragraph on alternative development. It was agreed to continue further discussions only on these issues and the delegations endorsed the rest of the declaration.

f) Document on improving the EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs

It was decided that the discussion on the proposals to improve the Mechanism, outlined in doc. DS 1825/11 and doc. DS 1329/12, should be continued during the future Technical Committee meetings.

3. Overview of EU-CELAC cooperation activities: proposal for a EU-CELAC joint project on drug traceability

Chilean delegation presented the concept of their proposed project concerning the traceability of seized drugs, which should be coordinated by an international organisation, emphasising the importance of information sharing in this field. The speaker informed the meeting that the general objective of the project would be the production of strategic information for governments, the INCB and the Inter-American Commission for Drug Abuse Control (CICAD) on the trends in the field of chemical substances used in the manufacture of illicit drugs, including information on diversion and on methods for clandestine manufacture of drugs. The speaker explained that the mechanism of traceability would require setting up a forensic profile on the content of the analysed drugs, containing such information as characteristics of fabrication, type of chemical precursors used, processing methods, geographic origin, etc., that would enable to establish the manufacturers and distribution channels. As for initial steps, the delegate mentioned launching the project within some international body and designating the focal points by the participating countries. Some CELAC delegations expressed support for this project.
