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of: Meeting with Interpol at the level of COSI/CATS

on: 22 June 2012

Subject : Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting was officially opened by the Secretary General of the ICPO-Interpol, Mr. Ronald K. Noble.

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. 10597/12.

2. Information from the DK Presidency of the Council

The Presidency informed the meeting about the main developments in the EU under DK Presidency in the area of law enforcement cooperation. Specific reference was made to:

- the exchange of information with the adoption of Council conclusions on further enhancing efficient cross-border exchange of law enforcement information (doc. 10333/12), the outcome of the COPE 12 Conference on the EU Information Management Strategy (IMS) held on 26-27 April 2012 (doc. 11508/12) and the Council conclusions on the increased and more effective use of the Europol Information System (EIS) in the fight against cross-border crime (doc. 10600/12),

- the multidisciplinary approach to fight organised crime,
- the implementation of the EU Policy Cycle, notably the Operational Action Plans (OAPs) and the preparation of the SOCTA methodology,
- the discussion in COSI on the user requirements for the new Europol Regulation, and
- a number of legislative proposals *i.a.* the political agreement with the European Parliament on PNR.

3. Follow up of previous meeting on 7 December 2011 :

- Works of Art, Project PSYCHE

Interpol presented the state of play of the "Protecting SYstem for Cultural HERitage (PSYCHE) project. Information was provided on the actions and the objectives of the project in which 10 EU Member States participate, together with 7 additional partners who have expressed their interest after the deadline. The project proposal was submitted by IT to the Commission on 17 October 2011. If supported by the EU, PSYCHE would start in the fall of 2012 and would end in 2014.

The Commission representative stated that the Commission was currently finalising its examination of the project proposal and expressed the hope that more Member States would participate.

The incoming Cyprus Presidency stated that the combating of crime against cultural goods would be discussed under its Presidency and that it had launched a proposal to create an informal network of law enforcement expertise competent in the field of cultural goods (CULTNET).

- SLTD Database

Interpol provided delegations with a written update on Member States' contributions to and use of the Interpol's Stolen and Lost Travel Documents Database (SLTD). The overall contribution from MS to the database was considered excellent. Two third of the files are entered by EU MS. 8.403 matches were made by MS on non - EU travel documents and 12.037 matches by non - EU States on MS travel documents. Special attention should however be given to improving the consultation by MS which could be addressed at a future meeting of the Law Enforcement Working Party.

- Strengthening ties between CSDP – FSJ

The EEAS presented the state of play regarding the draft Road Map on Strengthening the ties between CSDP and FSJ which contains 27 lines of action in 5 key areas. Joint Expert Panels were set up to carry forward the development of 12 priority lines of action. One of these lines of actions refers to *establishing a framework arrangement between EU (HR/VP) and ICPO Interpol for CSDP missions and operations*. The draft framework arrangement is being examined by the Interpol and EEAS Legal Services. The aim would be to have the framework arrangement endorsed by the Interpol General Assembly in 2013.

- Cooperation Agreement EUROJUST and INTERPOL: State of Play

The draft Memorandum of Understanding between Interpol and Eurojust was approved by the College of Eurojust on 13 June and was sent by letter dated 18 June 2012 to Interpol. Interpol would aim at submitting the draft memorandum to the Interpol General Assembly of November 2012.

- Cooperation CEPOL and INTERPOL

Both CEPOL and Interpol acknowledged that the 2008 Memorandum of Understanding between Interpol and CEPOL has been the starting point of a fruitful and successful cooperation *i.e.* with Interpol staff participating in CEPOL courses and with the identification of suitable EU trainers to support Interpol.

The Commission referred to its future Communication on the European Training Scheme and its future proposal to amend Council Decision 2005/681/JHA establishing CEPOL which is expected in November 2012.

The EEAS informed the meeting about the European Union Police Force Training (EUPFT) project, funded by the Instrument for Stability. Based on the lessons learnt from the first cycle, a new 3 year cycle was agreed which would involve an increased number of police officers, one third of them coming from African countries.

4. Results of the INTERPOL European Regional Conference (Tel-Aviv, May 2012)

Delegations took note of the outcome of the 41st ICPO-Interpol European Regional Conference, which was held in Tel Aviv from 8 to 10 May 2012.

5. Interoperability of information systems

The meeting welcomed the development of SPOCs in the MS and the close cooperation between Europol and Interpol on the UMF.

6. Cybercrime

Interpol presented the Global Complex for Innovation (IGCI) which would be established in Singapore. The proposal for the IGCI was endorsed in 2010 in Doha and AT, DE, ES, FR and the UK participate in the IGCI working group. After having finalised the design of the ICGI in May 2012, the second phase of the project started in June which aims at having the IGCI operational in May 2014. Information was provided on the IGCI structure and its main activities, in particular the creation of a Digital Crime Centre (IDCC). The Digital Crime Centre would focus on cybercrime investigative support, research and innovation as well as cyber security.

The Commission and the Presidency referred to the recent decision to set up a European Cybercrime Centre (EC3) at Europol which would become the interface to Interpol's cybercrime activities. The meeting welcomed the ongoing close cooperation between Interpol and Europol which would contribute to a coordinated response in the fight against cybercrime.

The Presidency informed the meeting about a first reading agreement with the European Parliament on a proposal for a Directive on attacks against information systems. It also referred to the EU-US Ministerial meeting on 20 and 21 June 2012, where both parties agreed to enhance efforts against child sexual abuse online via the so-called "*Global Alliance against Child Sexual Abuse Online*". The Commission representative stated that the Commission is working on a communication for a European Strategy for Cybersecurity. He also mentioned the need for training and called upon delegations to join forces.

7. WAPIS – West African Police Information System (*Interpol, EEAS*)

Interpol presented the state of play of the WAPIS project which has been produced in cooperation with the EEAS. The project aims at creating a regional police data information system in 15 ECOWAS countries and Mauretania. This project is expected to create benefits at local, European and global level since it would allow for a better exchange of information through Interpol's I-24/7 communication network. The data protection rules would be based on the ECOWAS procedures established for the ORIC and Interpol's rules for the protection of data.

8. Priorities under incoming CY Presidency of the Council (*CY delegation*)

The incoming CY Presidency informed the meeting on the priorities during its Presidency. Special attention will be given to the following:

- new policies and legislation, in particular the EU Drugs Strategy 2013 - 2020, the EU Strategy towards the eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings 2012 - 2016 as well as three new legal instruments (CEPOL, Europol and the Implementation of the Solidarity Clause),
- the implementation of the EU Policy Cycle: monitor the 2012 OAPs, validate the 2013 OAPs, review the EMPACT Terms of Reference and promoting the multidisciplinary and administrative approach in combating organised crime,
- enhancing police cooperation to tackle cross-border serious crime notably with the setting up of CULTNET and various conferences and meetings that will be organised.

9. Any other business

No items were raised.