



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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GENVAL 48

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

of: Working Party on General Matters, including Evaluations (GENVAL)
on: 10 July 2012
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 3636/12 was adopted, with the addition of one item under any other business (point 10).

2. Information by the Presidency

The Presidency handed out an information sheet containing contact details of the GENVAL team of the Cyprus Presidency, provisional dates for the GENVAL meeting during its Presidency, and dates for two seminars/conferences to take place in Cyprus in October.

3. Fifth round of mutual evaluations - Discussion of the Report on the Czech Republic
ST 11812/12 GENVAL 44 RESTREINT UE

The evaluation team presented the report. The Czech 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 - Discussion of the Report on Slovenia

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The evaluation team presented the report. The Slovene 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.

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

8639/12 GENVAL 19 RESTREINT UE

The report was adopted.

6. Fifth round of mutual evaluations - Adoption of the Report on Cyprus

9302/1/12 REV 1 GENVAL 26 RESTREINT UE

The report was adopted.

7. Trafficking in Human Beings - Presentation by the Presidency of a study on victims' protection in criminal proceedings

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The Presidency initially stressed that one of its priorities would be preventing and combating trafficking in human beings. In view of supporting and complementing the newly adopted strategy of the Commission, it presented the study, which will focus on victims of human trafficking and their protection in criminal proceedings with the aim of identifying best practices. A questionnaire will be circulated before the summer holiday. The replies to the questionnaire will be analysed by the Presidency and presented in the form of a draft report at the GENVAL meeting of 3 October 2012.

8. "The EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings", (COM(2012) 286 final), adopted by the Commission on 19 June 2012

- Draft Council Conclusions

11780/12 JAI 465 GENVAL 43 COSI 53 ENFOPOL 208 JAIEX 48 RELEX 589
EUROJUST 58

11838/12 GENVAL 46 DROIPEN 91 JAI 473 JAIEX 52 MIGR 68 RELEX 601

The Commission briefly presented its strategy, adopted on 19 June 2012, by highlighting its main elements and the background thereto. Delegations welcomed the comprehensive paper and a few delegations made remarks.

The Working Party had a first discussion of the draft Council conclusions. Delegations were requested to send in their written comments by 3 August 2012. A new version will be circulated during the last week of August to be discussed at the next GENVAL meeting.

9. Conference on "Best Practices on Cooperation between the EU Member States against Cyber Crime"

- information by the Presidency

The Presidency informed that the conference on cybercrime would take place on 15 - 16 October 2012 in Larnaca, Cyprus. Detailed information will be circulated later.

10. Any other business

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The Slovene delegation briefly informed about a Joint Investigation Team (JIT) project on trafficking in human beings in Southeast Europe.
