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Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as set out in document CM 3629/1/12 REV 1.

2. Presentation of the TWP and COTER work programmes during the Cyprus Presidency

The Presidency gave an overview of the priorities in the TWP for the coming semester (DS 1499/12), which include

- the protection of soft targets
- radicalisation and recruitment
- gaining added value from recommendations and best practices
- aviation security against terrorist threats
- cyber-security against terrorist attacks
- cooperation for the security of major events with an international character.

The Presidency will ensure that the Group is informed of relevant issues dealt with in other groups.

Delegations also took note of the geographical and thematic priorities of COTER during the Cyprus Presidency, that include, among others, the implementation of the Council conclusions of June 2011 on enhancing the links between internal and external aspects of counter-terrorism which will also be addressed at the joint TWP-COTER meeting on 5 October 2012.

3. Information by the Presidency

The Presidency updated the Working Party on the state of play of negotiations of the draft Regulation on explosives precursors, in particular in view of the Coreper meeting on 11 July where the mandate would be sought to proceed with a view to reaching first reading agreement with the European Parliament.

4. Information on the Seminar 'Aviation Security against Terrorist Threats', 31 October 2012, Cyprus

This Presidency informed on the seminar under item 8.

5. Enfopol 30 - Information exchange on recent terrorist incidents

The Group exchanged information on recent terrorist incidents. Delegations that have not provided their contributions were invited to do so for the next meeting, before 3 September 2012 at the latest.

6. Protection of Soft Targets

The Cyprus delegation gave a presentation on the protection of soft targets through different methods used by the police. Another presentation highlighted the best practices used for the protection of mass sports events.

The Presidency introduced the discussion paper on the protection of soft targets (DS 1494/12) which suggests a definition of the concept of soft targets and also includes ideas for further development of best practices. The aim of the Presidency is to draft, on the basis of the discussion paper and the exchange of views among the Member States, conclusions to be submitted to the Council.

Delegations welcomed the discussion initiated by the Presidency and expressed support for taking the issue forward. Some raised concern regarding the invitation for the establishment of a list of categories of soft targets at national level.

Comments were also made on the definition, in which, according to some delegations, sector-specific approach should be considered and the question of resources should also be addressed. The definition should not be too broad so that it can serve practical purposes.

Other suggestions concerned the issue of remote public spaces and the need for a high quality threat assessment.

Delegations were invited to submit written comments on the document and notably on item 'Proposal for action' (p. 5-6), which will serve as a basis for the draft Council conclusions, by 23 July 2012 to the Presidency and the Council Secretariat.

The Presidency informed the Group of the ongoing work regarding the update of the contact points of Member States crisis centres (as set out in document 7154/10). The list was recently updated as requested by the CCA Friends of Presidency group and posted on the CCA Web Page. The manual itself was not updated since CCA is ongoing a rather deep review process.

7. Presentation by IntCen of the work programme for the second six months of 2012 (EU RESTRICTED)

A representative of IntCen presented its counterterrorism work programme and outlined topics for assessments during the coming semester.

8. Aviation Security

The Presidency informed about a conference on 'Aviation Security against Terrorist Threats' planned to take place on 31 October 2012 in Cyprus.

The aim of the conference will be to look at various aspects of aviation security and notably

- the possible extension of the risk assessment methodology to other areas;
- possible ways of prioritisation;
- linking of soft targets with air transport;
- cooperation between the public and private sectors;
- cooperation at international level between the EU and third countries.

Delegations were invited to comment on these objectives or submit new ideas to be addressed at the conference by 23 July 2012. The aim of the Presidency is to present the conclusions of the conference to the Council in December.

- Presentation by IntCen (*EU CONFIDENTIAL*)

A representative of INTCEN presented a recent report.

- Presentation by the Commission

A COM representative gave an overview of the past and ongoing work in COM services to elaborate a methodology for assessing risks to aviation security posed by terrorism.

The first application of the methodology focused on risks posed by cargo originating from and/or transiting third countries and destined to the EU. Among other elements, a categorisation of threat levels as well as a "threat list" of countries of origin and/or transit of EU bound flights were established. Second strand of activities was the elaboration of a categorisation of vulnerability levels in third countries. The categorisations of threat levels as well as vulnerability levels has led to an elaboration of the risk assessment matrix. The methodology is also being applied to liquid explosives.

In view of these developments, COM welcomed the objectives of the conference planned by the Presidency.

9. Debriefing on the security of Euro Cup 2012 by the delegation of Poland

The PL delegation gave a presentation on the role of its security authorities in the organisation of Euro 2012. Involvement of different structures, information exchange and cooperation between the Internal Security Agency and other national as well as Ukrainian authorities were mentioned. A case study on a person exhibiting radical religious views in the context of the threat to the security was also presented.

10. Radicalisation and Recruitment

- Revised EU Radicalisation and Recruitment Action Plan - second revision of the document by Member States

The Presidency informed the Group of its intention to review the progress achieved by Member States and EU bodies in the implementation of the EU Radicalisation and Recruitment Action plan, the latest revision of which was done in 2009 (doc. 9915/09 ADD 1 EU RESTRICTED).

Delegations noted this was an important subject and welcomed the upcoming revision that could also be seen as consolidation of best practices. The representative of the Commission suggested that the issue of possible declassification of the document could also be addressed.

Delegations were invited to submit their contributions to the revision of the Action Plan (DS 1485/12), preferably in form of bullet points, before 10 August 2012 to the Presidency and the Council Secretariat. If necessary, the contribution can be sent using the Chiasmus encryption.

- presentation by the UK

The UK delegation presented its new Prevent Strategy, which will remain an integral part of the UK CT strategy CONTEST with the following objectives:

- respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat from those who promote it
- prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support
- work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that need to be addressed.

- role of Police in implementing the R&R Action Plan, presentation by Cyprus delegation

In the presentation, the CY delegation presented the tasks of the CT office of Cyprus police within the framework of the Action Plan.

11. Information on counter-terrorism activities

- The Commission informed the Group on the following events and activities:
 - o A Strategic EU level CBRNE conference will take place on 2-3 October 2012 in Malmö, organised by the Presidency, Denmark, Sweden and the Commission. Invitations to the conference will be sent out in late July, delegations of the TWP will be kept informed;
 - o Joint EU-US workshop on bio-security will take place on 7 September 2012 in Brussels.
 - o The last ISEC call for proposals has been published with a deadline of 2 August 2012.

- A representative of Europol updated the working party on various issues of relevance underlining the merge of all Europol's AWF related to counter terrorism into one.

- A Eurojust representative informed the Group of the following recent activities:
 - o Annual strategic meeting on terrorism which was in particular dedicated to the question of lone wolves.
 - o Recent publication of the Terrorism Conviction Monitor which provides a regular overview of the terrorism-related developments throughout the EU.
 - o Recent operational meeting on PKK cases.

12. AOB

No issues were raised under AOB.

The following working documents were made available in the meeting room:

- Protection of soft targets - ppt presentation by the CY delegation
- Best practices for the protection of mass sports events - ppt presentation by the CY delegation
- EU Radicalisation and Recruitment Action Plan - implementation Actions by the Cyprus Police - ppt presentation

- The role of the ABS in securing EURO 2012 against terrorist threats - ppt presentation by PL
 - United Kingdom Prevent Strategy - ppt presentation
 - Strategic EU-level CBRNE Conference - save the date handout
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